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Experts say broader definition of 'Indian' is incomplete step

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An expert of constitutional law, aboriginal governance and indigenous sovereignty says Thursday's Supreme Court declaration of Métis and non-status Indians as "Indians" holds promise for good things, but isn't great on its own.

"(The ruling) simply says that Métis and non-status Indians are federal jurisdiction," said University of Manitoba professor Kiera Ladner. "There is no onus on the federal government to actually legislate areas where they have jurisdiction."

Canada's highest court ruled unanimously, 9-0 in favour of Métis and non-status Indians having the right to turn to the federal government for policies, benefits and services, just as status Indians and Inuit are able to.

The ruling comes 17 years after the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples took the federal government to court with allegations of discrimination over groups being excluded as "Indians" in the Constitution.

Ladner explained how the decision does support a narrative trending towards "reconciliation," not only of a historical past, "but real hard issues now on the table."

"We see a changing language," she said of the new federal government's treatment of Indigenous issues, adding she sees a "shifting mentality post-Harper."

However, that changing language "doesn't redefine the Indian Act," Ladner said.

"It's not really that much of a game changer."

Myra Tait, an indigenous post-law student working on a research project with Ladner said "Indians under the Indian Act have been chronically underfunded," which to her means Thursday's ruling sends the message, "welcome to second-class status."

"It's better than non-status, in that case it is a win, but until the Government of Canada takes legislation seriously, it's not anything to really party over," Tait said.

Ladner and Tait emphasized there are future implications for potentially improved relations and negotiations between Métis or non-status groups and the government, but they're waiting to see how that plays out.

"They may be eligible at some point — when the government decides their policy — (to) access healthcare or education benefits," Ladner said. "But it's totally up to the federal government."

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Installation of CCTV at schools follows 2007 mandate

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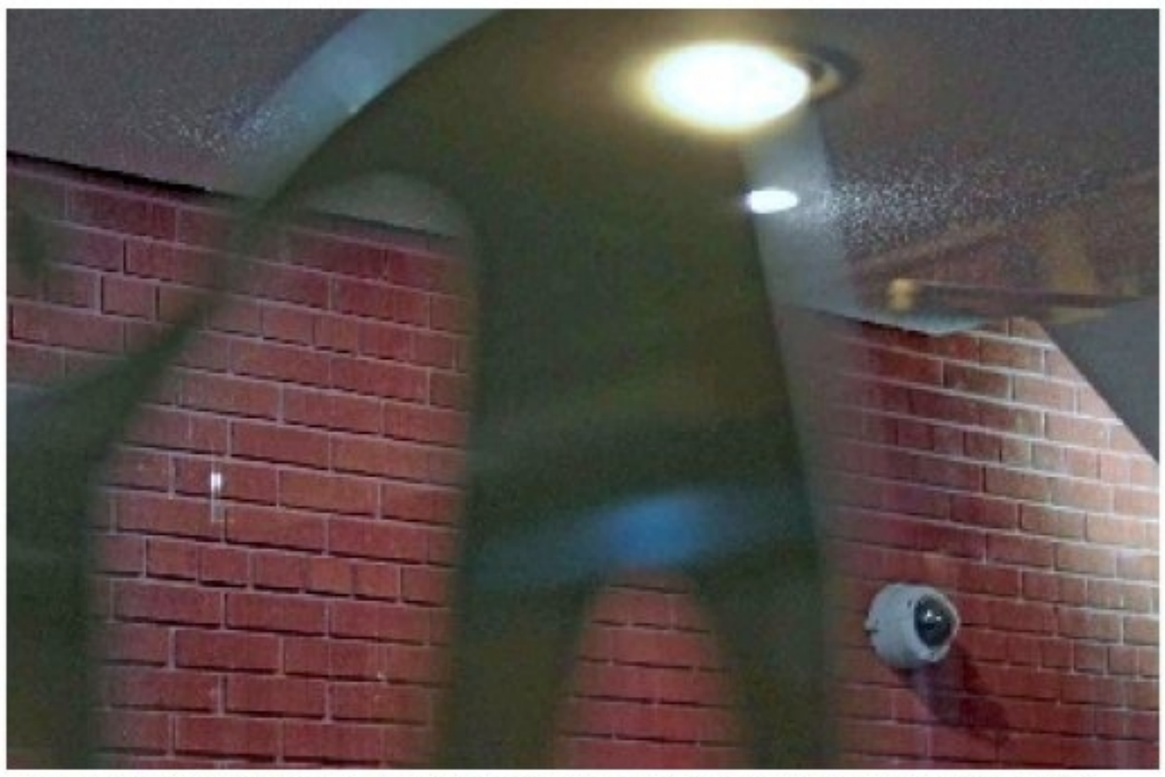

The Winnipeg School Division logo frames a security camera in the division's administration building. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

It's nearly taken a decade, but the Winnipeg School Division is close to done providing each of its schools with security cameras.

To date, 66 of 77 schools are equipped with closed circuit television (CCTV) systems, which adds up to a total of 654 cameras monitoring WSD schools.

Four more will be getting the technology this year after trustees recently approved $170,000 for the program in the 2015/16 budget.

Spokesperson Radean Carter said the camera purchases followed a 2007 mandate to increase safety, when trustees decided "it was a priority to make sure all schools had CCTV systems."

Sherri Rollins, vice-chairperson of the WSD board, said the cameras are one item in "a basket of things that we do in terms of school safety."

"We also have other things like safe school plans in place … safety patrol programs, adult crossing guards, folks on the street," she said, adding there is also more emphasis on improved lock-down practices in recent years.

"I view (cameras) as a tool in concert with other things that we have," Rollins said. "Parents, I think, look to the division for that basket of safe school plans and programs."

Arlene Reid, a parent council member for Glenelm School, one of the schools having cameras installed in this phase of the WSD's CCTV program, said she didn't know her kids' school had no cameras.

> **I definitely feel better now that they are going to have them.**
> Shannon Russell, parent

"(I'm) chair of the parent council and this is news to me," she said.

Still, she likes that the school is getting cameras, calling it a net-positive overall.

On one hand, she said there's a chance for "invasion of privacy," but more than that she said she "can see the security part of it," too.

Another parent, Shannon Russell — who has a daughter at Harrow School — said she knew her kids' school didn't have cameras on the grounds, but thinks "it's a great idea."

"I definitely feel better (sending my kids to school) now that they are going to be having them installed," she said.

She feels that having CCTV will help school staff monitor the grounds for safety.

"Where the office is, it's not really visible at the front of the school, so it's nice to have that extra bit so they know who's coming before they get in the building," she said.

Russell also said she and other parents had "been saying it would be a good idea" to get security cameras for years, but she respects the high cost has dragged-out the purchase process for WSD.

"There's only so much they can do with the funds they are allocated … so it's understandable they tier it off instead of all or nothing," she said.

However, while some schools are just getting cameras this year and others still have nothing, the division is already back-tracking to replace some aging systems.

St. John's School, for instance, received partial-upgrade from analogue to digital in 2009. It was one of a handful of schools with some cameras before WSD started installing others in 2007.

Trustee Allan Beach said that's to be expected now that "we're at the tail end of the program."

"There'll be equipment breakdown and such, components of the existing system will have to be replaced time-to-time," he said, adding a decade of use "is a long time for technology like that."

VIVIDATA SURVEY

Metro daily readership hits 116K

If you're seeing that stack of newspapers disappear quickly from the familiar green boxes in the mornings, it's because Metro is the most-read newspaper in Canada every Monday to Friday, according to a readership survey released by Vividata on Thursday.

With more than 1.6-million weekday readers in seven major cities, Metro English Canada is slightly up on the Toronto Star and well ahead of the Globe and Mail (1.2-million readers).

In Winnipeg, the numbers are encouraging. Metro Winnipeg's weekday daily readers are measured at 116,000, which is more than 16,000 ahead of the Winnipeg Sun.

Cathrin Bradbury, Metro's editor-in-chief, said she is proud of the quality of the content produced by newsrooms stretching from Halifax to Vancouver.

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Sandy MacLeod, Metro's chief operating officer, said the healthy numbers are good for business.

"This readership study confirms the solid position of Metro as a national media brand," MacLeod said. "Our strength in the key demographic of well-educated 25- to 54-year-old adults is attractive to Canadian advertisers." METRO STAFF

COMMITTEE

Vote tied on water, sewer rate increase

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Proposed water and sewer rate hike in 2016, with similar increases planned for 2017 and 2018.

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How much the proposed rate increases would add to each bill for a family of four, according to an administrative report.

Residents in Winnipeg are one step closer to paying more when they turn on their taps.

The city committee on water and waste voted in a tie Thursday on a decision to implement a 9.2 per cent water and sewer rate hike in 2016, with similar increases planned for 2017 and 2018.

Councillors Jenny Gerbasi and committee chairman Brian Mayes voted in favour of the increases, while Ross Eadie and Shawn Dobson voted in opposition.

Under council rules, a tie vote means the item will move on to the executive policy committee with no endorsement.

According to an administrative report, the proposed rate increases would mean an extra $23-$25 each bill for a family of four.

Coun. Russ Wyatt (Transcona) addressed Thursday's committee as a delegate, upset the rate increases would span over a three-year period.

Speaking to reporters afterwards, Wyatt criticized the increases as "rate shock," suggesting the city only adjust rates for 2016, then look to the federal and provincial governments for the cash.

"Let's roll up our sleeves now, let's get the answers, let's find out what funding is available," Wyatt said.

> **Let's roll up our sleeves now, let's get the answers, let's find out what funding is available.**
> Coun. Russ Wyatt

Eadie then proposed to restrict the rate increase just to 2016, and re-examine the next two years' worth of hikes during the 2017 budget deliberations.

That attempt was ultimately defeated by a committee vote.

"I don't see a reason to move away from the three years," Gerbasi said, pointing out staff have cited the move as best practice in municipalities elsewhere.

Departmental staff explained previously the rate increases were primarily driven by nearly $1 billion worth of capital costs to upgrade the city's water and sewer infrastructure, and at least $1 billion more needed to keep raw sewage out of the city's rivers.

Wyatt said Thursday one way to reduce pressure on the city to raise capital for the upgrades is to ask the province to extend its deadlines for the renovations beyond its 2018 and 2019 deadlines.

"This is rate shock that's being proposed on the ratepayers of the City of Winnipeg for water and sewer rates directly because of provincial regulations," he said.

Plan defeated to kill organics collection

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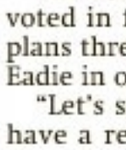
Program aims to divert 50% of waste from landfills



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Ross Eadie listens at the meeting on Thursday. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

An attempt to quash the City of Winnipeg's planning for organics collection has been defeated.

During a marathon eight-hour meeting of the city's water and waste committee Thursday, Coun. Jenny Gerbasi tabled an amendment to counter an earlier plan put forward by councillors Russ Wyatt and Ross Eadie.

The pair were attempting to halt any public consultation, and subsequent planning, for curbside organics pick-up in favour of re-examining the city's current collection options.

Gerbasi instead opted to task city staff with developing broader consultation beyond the proposed flat fee structure, which would have seen residents choose from one of three options, ranging in cost from $55-$100, depending on the type of waste collected.

The committee ultimately voted in favour of Gerbasi's plans three to one, with only Eadie in opposition.

"Let's start this over. Let's have a real genuine public consultation, not just offer people three options, but say, 'OK, we're looking at doing an organics program, should it be backyard, should it be curbside, should it be something else," committee chairman Brian Mayes told reporters afterwards.

"That's a good public consultation."

Gerbasi told Thursday's committee her motion to broaden the scope of public consultation was a "respectful way to bring council together," and hit "restart," after months of public backlash and opposition from other civic leaders towards the plan.

Councillors Cindy Gilroy and Matt Allard both addressed the committee as delegates, extolling the benefits of composting, and the necessary role the city must play in reducing green house gas emissions from the Brady Road Landfill.

Allard, however, positioned himself as "anti-flat fee," while Gilroy urged city staff to go back to the drawing board. Coun. Jeff Browaty also spoke against the composting plan.

Thursday's committee heard hours of mostly support for citywide organics collection nearly 30 registered delegates, ranging from environmental activists to average citizens.

City staff now have 120 days to report back to the committee with a broader plan for public consultation.

They have also been tasked to collaborate with the city's new climate change working group to locate new funding opportunities and partnerships to roll out an organics program.

The development of an organics pickup program dates back to 2011 when city council said they wanted to see the amount of waste diverted from landfills increase to 50 per cent by 2020.

Civic director of the city's waste diversion, Randy Park, previously said the city is on the right track, sitting at an approximate rate of 30 per cent, but requires an organics diversion strategy to "get to the next level".

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Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari speaks at the leadership debate Thursday. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DEBATE

Manitoba 'run by CUPE,' claims Pallister

Manitoba Progressive Conservative Leader Brian Pallister told a business audience Thursday the province is being run by the Canadian Union of Public Employees — something that will change if his party wins Tuesday's provincial election.

"I believe in the rights of workers to organize. I believe in collective bargaining. But I do not believe in a province that's run by CUPE," Pallister said during the last leaders' debate before the election, in front of some 500 members of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.

"That has been what's being going on for far too long here in Manitoba. It has to stop."

The comments — the only real drama during a 90-minute debate in which the leaders stuck closely to talking points — were quickly condemned by Pallister's opponents.

"I think we should definitely respect that organizations are organizations but there are individual people who are a part of these organizations who are Manitobans and they matter to us, so it's quite insulting" Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari said.

"Mr. Pallister always looks for one person or one group that he can punish or make a victim, and he demonstrated that again today," Premier Greg Selinger told reporters afterward.

Pallister, leading in polls, pointed to the role CUPE played in helping Selinger survive an internal coup last year.

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PC Leader Brian Pallister
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Debate fairly roundabout

MANITOBA ELECTION 2016

Leaders asked about traffic, infrastructure

Braeden Jones
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With less than a week before Manitobans choose their next Premier, three hopefuls volleyed familiar campaign promises at a lunchtime leader's debate with some off-the-wall questions.

Brian Pallister, Rana Bokhari and Greg Selinger all hit the predictable drums: he wants to privatize X, he broke his promise and raised Y, and she hasn't talked about how she'll do Z.

But some less conventional prompts from the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce's "Bold" campaign challenged the leaders to think smaller in some ways, and touch on less common issues like traffic infrastructure and environmental sustainability.

Allyson Desgroseilliers, an environmental engineer with AMEC Foster Wheeler in Winnipeg, posed the question of whether or not the leaders would support the roundabout traffic control model.

"(They) really give us the opportunity to have greater traffic control without having so many lights and intersections, especially at our provincial trunk highways and the perimeter highway," Desgroseilliers said in a pre-recorded video question.

"It allows the traffic to slow down with reducing the gas emissions."

She invited leaders to speak to ways infrastructure planning would integrate "environmental sustainability."

Each leader found a roundabout way of responding. Greg Selinger, NDP leader, said he'll "smooth out the circulation of traffic around the perimeter with different types of interchanges."

"We'd be open to the discussion on roundabouts, but I have to tell you, I don't claim to be an expert on that," he said.

Selinger also noted he has committed $100 million to active transportation, including "proper shoulders" on roads, active-transportation plans drafted "in partnership with our major cities," and "charging stations for electric vehicles."

Progressive Conservative boss Brian Pallister said he, like his opponent, has "no great expertise on (roundabouts), except to say that if safety is enhanced, then that would definitely be a persuasive aspect of the argument."

Pallister said he loves cycling but didn't comment on what a PC government would do for active transportation, choosing instead to criticize the outgoing government's decisions regarding the Bipole West power lines, "a good example of not investing smart in infrastructure," he said.

Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari said "strategic planning and integration are key to moving Manitoba forward to new heights," and that the new government will "need to work hard to support all transportation policies."

Bokhari added, "I don't know anything about roundabouts," but that "fascinating, amazing, quality people in this province" would help her.

She said Liberals would be "committed to investing in subsidies for energy efficient vehicles like Hybrids," working with Winnipeg on "the study of rapid transit routes," and barring microbeads from things like soaps.

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Surviving election night

For some, watching results come in on Election Day is an event comparable to viewing the Super Bowl. Others would rather watch paint dry. For those who see this as reason to get together with a group or hunker down, here are some suggestions as to how one can spend Tuesday, April 19th. **MICHELLE BAILEY** FOR METRO

1 Host a house party — Put out the spinach dip and veggie platter. Be sure you paid your cable bill to eliminate the threat of service being cut off during the broadcast.

Determine the guest list by how raucous you want the debate to be as the results are revealed.

Have some Fireball Whiskey on hand for those who want to play a drinking game. Keep guests away from the tequila, especially if their party of choice doesn't win.

2 Watch by yourself at home — Get into your jammies, make sure your smartphone is juiced to 100 per cent to provide your two cents worth on social media and order in pizza or Chinese food.

If the phone rings, don't be afraid to answer because it's likely not a survey about how you're going to vote.

It could, however, be a bill collector so use your best judgement. Recommended beverage choices include chai tea or a big 'ol box of wine.

3 Tune out — So, you'd rather sort your recyclables and watch re-runs of All in the Family than treat the election coverage as though it were intriguing live coverage of the O.J. Simpson car chase. That's cool.

You're probably the type of person who would prefer to wake up the next morning and absorb what happened while drinking coffee and reading the news online.

So all you need election night is a good book, a purring cat and your Snuggie.

4 Head to a local watering hole — You may want to go out with friends and be in the company of other Manitobans who take an interest as to who will form the next provincial government. Depending on where you land, the beverage of choice should be locally produced ale. Make sure you're wearing the right colours for your party. You may want to pick a place where there won't be a brawl over what is being shown on the TVs — election coverage or Stanley Cup Playoffs?

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Your election night watering holes

MANITOBA ELECTION 2016

Various spots eschewing NHL playoffs to keep eye on the vote

Michelle Bailey
For Metro | Winnipeg

There are a number of spots in Winnipeg to visit to help you get your political fix during Tuesday's provincial election if you're going out for a few while watching results come in.

The recently opened PEG BEER CO. on Pacific Avenue intends to have TVs beaming in coverage. No worries about NHL playoffs interfering with the political play-by-play.

"As a staff, we are really interested in seeing the election coverage as much as patrons looking for a place to watch with their friends, so there will be no hockey on that night," said PEG BEER CO. spokesperson Shannon Burns.

Want to watch the political play-by-play Tuesday? Fools and Horses on Broadway is open late to cater to the politico crowd. CONTRIBUTED

"We want to know exactly what's happening."

Fools and Horses on Broadway will also cater to the political crowd election night without playoff hockey in the room.

> Nothing against hockey — we just know the election is really the big event that night.
> Fools and Horses co-owner James Magnus-Johnston

"We are extending our regular hours to accommodate those who want to watch the results come in, which is what we did during the federal election last fall," said co-owner James Magnus-Johnston, who also happens to teach political science at Canadian Mennonite University.

"Nothing against hockey — we just know the election is really the big event that night."

Sara Hamilton at Yellow Dog Tavern on Donald Street said if the crowd is going to be anything like it was on federal election night, they will be filled to capacity.

"We expect to be very busy that night," Hamilton said.

"And while we will show hockey if people want, we anticipate more of our customers are going to want to watch election results."

King's Head on King Street will tune their TVs accordingly depending on the crowd. Manager Reg Bahadoosingh said it would probably be a lot different if the Winnipeg Jets were in the playoffs, but can see it being busy on both fronts nonetheless.

"We had quite a few people wanting to watch federal election results, so we will gauge what people would like to see between the provincial coverage and go from there."

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NATURAL BURIALS

Province asked to clear the way for 'human composting'

There are calls for Manitoba to be the latest province to offer "human composting" — natural burials which some say could grow in demand as the environmentally conscious seek alternatives to coffins and cremation.

Manitoba Green Party Leader James Beddome said people should have the option of being buried in little more than a shroud and return to the earth in an unmanicured meadow without a marble memorial stone.

"If I could become soil again and grow some food, I think I would enjoy that much more than the other options. That's my own personal belief," Beddome said. "You're just allowing natural processes to take place. I want a tree rather than a tombstone."

> **I want a tree rather than a tombstone.**
> Michael Gibbens

Manitoba is in the final days of a provincial election campaign and the current law is relatively silent on the specific issue of "human composting." There are only four designated spaces across Canada — three in Ontario and one in British Columbia — where people can be buried "au naturel."

Those spaces need to wade through both municipal and provincial regulations before being approved and some in the funeral industry say the lack of demand for the service means it's not worth the hassle.

But Beddome said the option should be encouraged for those who don't like the environmental toll embalming, fuel-heavy cremation and elaborate coffins take on the environment.

"There is a lot we can learn from how nature has learned to manage things."

Natural burials have been available in the United Kingdom and parts of the United States. One group in the U.S. has reportedly gone so far as to turn bodies into actual compost that can be collected and used by loved ones to plant gardens or trees.

Green Leader James Beddome favours a more environmentally conscious burial. THINKSTOCK

But natural burials have been slow to catch on in Canada. Even those who offer the service say it's not a popular choice.

Glen Timney, vice-president with the Mount Pleasant Group which runs two of Ontario's natural burial cemeteries, said people like the idea of it until a loved one dies and they learn they won't be able to visit a specific grave site. The natural burials are often as expensive as traditional ones because they still need to pay for the land and record keeping.

"There are two thoughts to the public wanting this. One is, I'd like to see the body return to nature. The other is, I'd also like to save money. You only accomplish one of the two," he said. "When they really do the research, they go, 'This isn't what I thought it was.'"

Michael Gibbens, president of the Manitoba Funeral Service Association, said a green cemetery would have to be approved by the province. But anyone offering a green burial site would have to pay taxes on the grounds and may not recoup the money if the demand isn't there.

At the moment, Gibbens said about 80 per cent of people opt for cremation. That may change once the baby boomers pass on and a younger generation, more open to non-traditional options ages, he said.

"I think we'll see a really big shift which may include things like green burials."

Michael de Pencier, with the Natural Burials Association, is hoping Manitoba and other provinces can loosen the rules around cemeteries to make it a more attractive option. Natural burial sites don't have to be part of manicured cemeteries but rather separate conservation areas funded by those who are buried there, he said.

"Could people's demise become a conduit for creating more protected park spaces in Canada?" he asked. "Life could come out of it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

COURT

Woman in fundraising theft trial takes stand

The woman accused of taking money from her dying niece's fundraising account choked back tears as she was questioned on the stand.

Sheryl Matheson is on trial for fraud and theft charges, accused of misappropriating more than $30,000 from an account she set up for 19-year-old Jessica Bondar of Winnipeg.

Bondar suffered a stroke and kidney failure in 2009 due to complications from influenza A and died from a stroke in 2011 in a Montreal hospital awaiting a heart transplant.

A major fundraising effort was launched to help with Bondar's medical bills.

Matheson told a Winnipeg court this week that Bondar was "like a daughter" to her and says she opened a joint bank account with Bondar.

She testified she allowed immediate family members to use her credit card to pay for flights to visit the teen.

In court, Matheson was shown a list of emails, texts and Facebook messages between her and Bondar's mother, Charlotte Roy.

Matheson said the list was "altered beyond recognition."

Last week, the judge heard a videotaped statement Bondar gave to police before her death.

Bondar said she was surprised to find the fund set up for her had just $70 in it. She told police she was confused because the account had once contained close to $40,000 and she had only received some clothing and a television from the fund.

Police also laid out a list of items charged to the account, including $205 spent at Costco, $113 at Walmart and a $352 phone bill. Court also heard last week from Roy, who testified she initially thought Matheson took tens of thousands of dollars from the account.

However, after reviewing financial records, she said she now believes Matheson about how and where she spent the money.

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Amber Balcaen, 24, is heading to Radford, Va., for her first NASCAR-sanctioned race. CONTRIBUTED

'I feel like Superwoman'

NASCAR

Winnipegger talks staying positive at 300 miles per hour

Michelle Bailey
For Metro | Winnipeg

After spending life growing up in a racing family, 24-year-old Winnipegger Amber Balcaen is preparing for what many in the industry of motorsports can only dream of.

"This Saturday, I will be participating in my first NASCAR-sanctioned race," said Balcaen during a pit stop in Charlotte, North Carolina on her way to Radford, Virginia for the event.

> **I have a dream and I'm not about to give up.**
> Amber Balcaen

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't nervous. But when I put on my racing suit, I feel like Superwoman," she said. "I live in the moment and focus on performing well and going in for the win."

Balcaen was living in a racing world before she was even born. "I was in my mom's belly while my dad and grandfather did the circuit and they eventually taught me about the sport."

Balcaen was the first female to win a dirt track racing championship in Manitoba. Eventually, she received her Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) licence at the legendary Daytona International Raceway.

"Reaching 300 m.p.h. on the Daytona track was exhilarating," she said. "It just motivated me that much more to be the first Canadian woman to win a NASCAR Series race."

Balcaen said her family and fans inspire her to push the envelope. But it hasn't been easy to get to this point. Gaining sponsorship to pay for her dreams has been challenging for the former business student.

"I have never had any family money or financial backing," she said. "All of my sponsorship development or driving for car owners has been procured through my own efforts."

Balcaen is currently part of the Lee Pulliam Performance team and says they have been extremely supportive of her racing aspirations.

As for being a part of a male-dominated sport, she said there are drivers who are very supportive and those who don't think she belongs.

"I just put the negative aside and focus on the positive. I have a dream and I'm not about to give up."

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UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

$10 million given to upgrade campaign

The Richardson Foundation announced a $10-million contribution to the University of Manitoba on Thursday, but with the expectation the university matches the donation dollar for dollar.

The latest financial contribution, which is the largest philanthropic donation to the Front and Centre campaign, will see classroom and laboratory upgrades across the university's Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses.

"It is the Richardson Foundation's sincere hope that our commitment inspires others who believe in the potential of our students, in this institution and in this province, to step forward and demonstrate their support of the Front and Centre Campaign," said Hartley Richardson, President of James Richardson & Sons.

> **The cumulative impact of these upgrades will completely transform how students learn for generations to come.**
> David Barnard

The upgrades will see two aspects improved: in-class technology upgrades like projectors, audio/visual equipment, televisions and audio and lab renewals such as teaching and learning equipment, and software and hardware upgrades.

The Richardson Foundation's request for the University of Manitoba to match the gift would be done through the university's fundraising efforts.

Dr. David Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba said transformation and the Richardson name go hand-in-hand.

"As we know, that the cumulative impact of these upgrades will completely transform how students learn for generations to come," he said. METRO

YOUTH CRIME

Two in custody over school threat video

Two youths were taken into custody at Ecole Charleswood School in Winnipeg after a threatening video was posted online.

Police were called to the upper-elementary and junior high school after a fight threat was posted on social media and a video circulated.

Ted Fransen, superintendent of Pembina Trails School Division, says the 10-second video showed two youths making threats and showing what appeared to be either a pellet or BB gun.

He says the video was made earlier this month and showed one student from Ecole Charleswood School and another from a neighbouring school.

The school says a resource officer determined there was no immediate threat and no weapon on site.

The youths were taken into custody as they were coming into the school, and police say charges have not yet been laid.

The school did not go into lockdown, but students were advised to clear the hallways and remain in their classrooms during the lunch hour while the youths were taken into custody.
CTV WINNIPEG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Maybe your laptop is a little bit shot up? At least one dude in Winnipeg wants it anyway. KIJIJI

On Kijiji, one's trash is another's treasure

SECONDHAND GOODS

Website caters to the frugal and the odd

Evan Matthews
For Metro | Winnipeg

A laptop with bullet holes? Gathering a posse to help find a bike? It's just part of the weird and wonderful ads found in the Winnipeg section of Kijiji.ca.

For instance, buying laptops to refurbish and sell is nothing new.

However, after a house gets shot up, should one find it surprising someone thought to find the value in an Apple MacBook, complete with bullet holes?

Well, at least one Winnipegger does, according to an ad that says he'll buy laptops in any condition — even with bullets blown through it.

If your laptop is in working order, maybe it's a USB cord you need. Winnipeggers don't buy brand new, if you're willing to drive downtown to get it, connect your Kodak camera to a completely refurbished computer in no time, according to another ad, all for the low price of $5. (For the record, new USB cords can be found at the dollar store for, well, $1.)

Maybe you're in the business of working for rewards? There is a search party scouring our streets, and it's in need of volunteer help. Will you help find Dorris?

> **My bike was recently stolen and I'm looking to put together a search party to find it.**
> Kijiji ad

"My bike was recently stolen and I'm looking to put together a search party to find it," the ad reads.

"I really need to find Dorris (my bike) as I have no way of getting to my 30 cent chicken wings on Thursday nights… and I need to make it to my trampoline practice on Mondays," it says.

Don't forget, a reward could be yours.

Providing the person who listed the ad finds Dorris, we can likely presume the smell coming off said person after chicken wings or trampoline practice will not be pretty.

But wait, there is a solution.

Because there isn't enough J-Biebs in the world, you can buy a perfume, body lotion and shower gel set for the low price of $15. How can you say no? Don't like the bottle? You can buy a perfume bottle shaped like a mouse, too.

Stay classy, Winnipeg.

Petition for radio host signed by 5.5K

92 CITI FM

Dave Wheeler suspended after outcry over videos

Evan Matthews
For Metro | Winnipeg

Dave Wheeler was suspended after he posted videos that were deemed racist, sexist and classist by protesters. TWITTER

A group of Dave Wheeler supporters have taken action of their own to oppose a group of protesters and save the radio jockey's job.

A petition on change.org has roughly 5,500 signatures advocating the reinstatement of the 92 CITI FM media personality after he was suspended earlier this week over videos he posted that were deemed "racist, sexist and classist" by protesters. About 100 protesters filled the studio's lobby Tuesday to demand Wheeler's resignation.

The videos made fun of various city stereotypes, and were named Thank God I'm a North End Boy and Transcona Girls.

Mike Barr started and was the first signature on the petition, but could not be reached by media deadline.

Transcona resident Ashleigh Welburn, 21, says she's a liberal Transcona girl. She said she didn't know who Wheeler was before news of the videos broke, but she doesn't think Wheeler deserves to lose his job.

"I don't take the videos to heart," said Welburn.

"It's someone else's opinion, and everyone is entitled to their opinion.

"I see the protesters' side of things, but I don't think he should have to stop doing something he loves because of a mistake he made," she said.

The station suspended Wheeler Tuesday morning in response to social media outcry the night before. The station hasn't said how long his suspension will last.

Wheeler apologized through an on-air apology read by his co-hosts Rena Jae and Phil Aubrey, and through CITI's Facebook page.

"A suspension isn't what we asked for. We demand he be fired," said Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie, 22, during the protest.

"I want CITI FM to be accountable for approving the content and to acknowledge this isn't OK," she said.

Currently, there is no formal petition demanding Wheeler's dismissal.

> **"I see the protesters' side of things, but I don't think he should have to stop doing something he loves because of a mistake he made.** Ashleigh Welburn

5 THINGS TO DO IN WINNIPEG THIS WEEKEND

The weather is warm, and it's time to bust out of our winter cocoons. There's no shortage of events and attractions to keep you far, far from your house this weekend. SHEL ZOLKEWICH/FOR METRO

1 Hit the target

Winnipeg's newest axe-throwing venue celebrates its arrival with an open house this weekend. Stop by Bad Axe Throwing and give the latest craze a go. You may even want to join a league! Axe throwing is the new way to celebrate birthdays, host a bachelorette party or get employees excited about the next corporate team building exercise. Bad Axe Throwing is at Unit 6, 1393 Border St.

2 Shop for spring

Assiniboia Downs is hosting a two-in-one show this weekend. The Ultimate Women's Show — featuring beauty, health, wellness, fashion, travel, jewelry and fitness vendors — takes over the main level. On the lower level, it's the Ultimate Craft Show where all the products are handmade in Manitoba including dolls, toys, furniture, garden artwork, glasswork, gourmet foods and much more. Admission for both is $10.

3 Chocolaaate

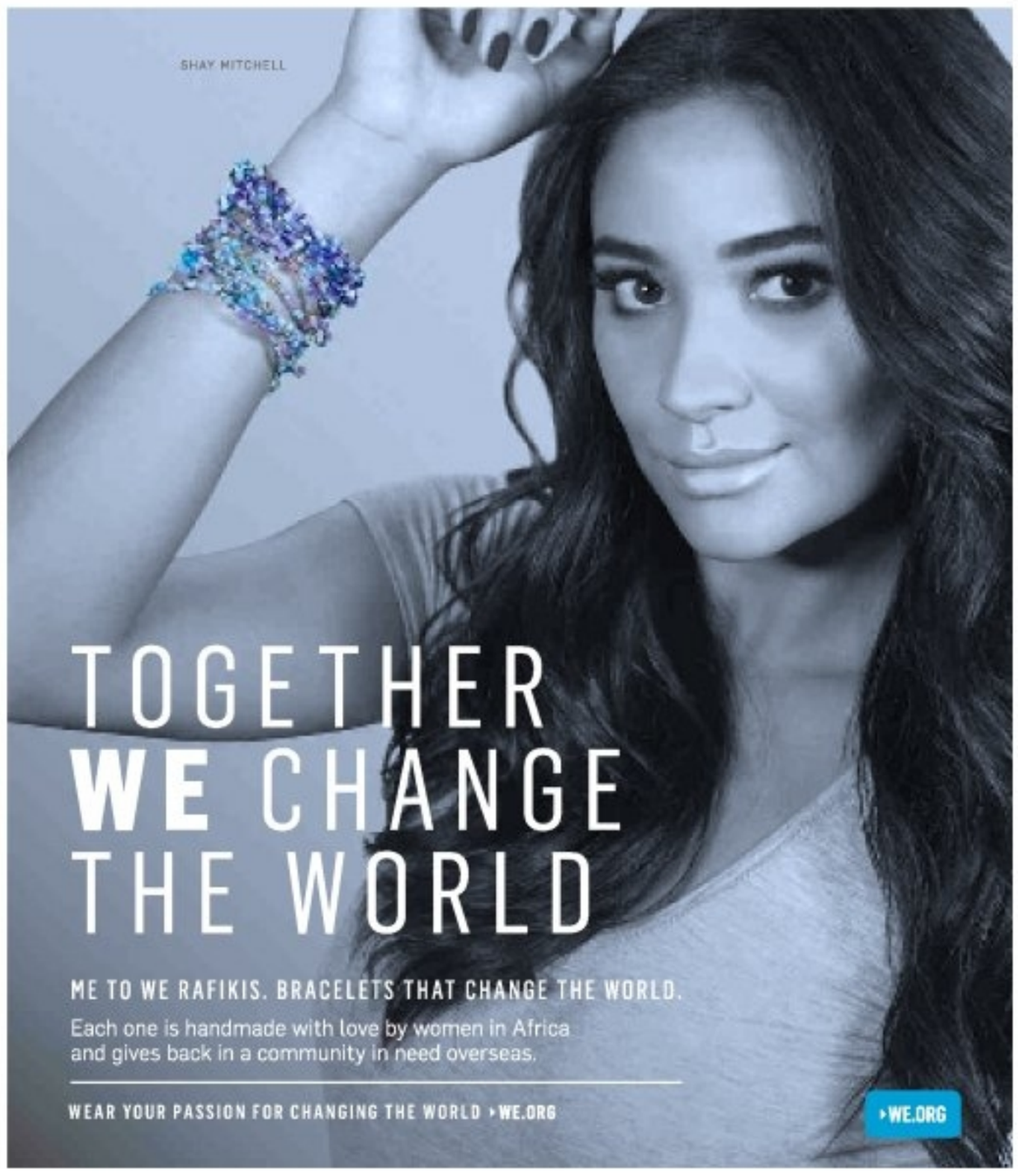
Get your fix during Winnipeg's favourful flavourful festival — Ciao! ChocolateFest. In addition to locations throughout the city, The Forks is chocolate-central with 11 merchants participating. Give the sour cherry chocolate perogies at Baba's Kitchen a try. There are even a few sip-able creations including the chocolate mint martini at Bailey's Fine Dining. All offerings are $8.

4 Two giants walk into a casino...

Comedy giants Norm Macdonald and Kevin Nealon bring their unmistakable brand of laughs to the stage at Club Regent Casino on Friday. MacDonald spent four years on Saturday Night Live before moving to more stand-up and movies. Recently, he's reinterpreted the role of Colonel Sanders in KFC television commercials. Nealon was with SNL for nine years, most notably as anchor on Weekend Update. Tickets are $40.

5 Doo doo doo doo, doo doo doo doo doo doo, doooooo doo do do

Score some Sunday fun: Celebrate 90 years of laughs with the Harlem Globetrotters Sunday afternoon at MTS Centre. There's never a dull moment with the team that's synonymous with one-of-a-kind family entertainment and eye-popping basketball skills. Trick shots, fan interaction and hilarious pranks are the hallmarks of the shows. Tickets start at $17.75.



Star Trek tunes — 'on screen'

EVENTS

The Ultimate Voyage to hit every era of the franchise

Evan Matthews
For Metro | Winnipeg

The Burton Cummings Theatre will boldly take Winnipeggers where no man has gone before — well, except for anyone who has seen the tour.

According to Ron Jones, the guest composer of Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage, the experience allows the audience to hang out with a live symphony orchestra, along with a 40-foot screen showing some of the TV and movie franchise's most iconic moments.

Moments shown on screen come from every era of the Star Trek universe, including the original series, The Motion Picture, The Wrath of Khan, The Voyage Home, The Next Generation, Insurrection, Deep Space Nine and Voyager.

"It's an overwhelming fusion of things," he said. "People have seen the scenes, but they have an orchestra too.... It's like a whole new sensory experience."

Jones said the tour launched at the Royal Albert Hall in London but has since done shows all through the U.S. and Canada. They just finished up their West Coast leg of the tour.

"It's funny, you go to each venue, and the personality of the town comes out," said Jones.

"San Diego is laid back and they seemed to enjoy it, Seattle has had too much coffee and in Vancouver they're thinking of hockey," he said through a chuckle.

But one thing Jones said has remained consistent has been the sellout crowds. He said it hasn't been people in costumes but rather just people who watched and appreciated the vibe of the show.

The show is produced by Cine-Concerts, which has put on experiences such as The Godfather, Gladiator and the yet-to-premiere Breakfast at Tiffany's.

You might as well get your tickets now; resistance is futile. Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage comes to town April 16.

Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage features iconic moments from the series and a live symphony orchestra. CONTRIBUTED

A win for indigenous groups

SUPREME COURT

Recognition given to Métis and non-status Indians

The Supreme Court of Canada has expanded the responsibility of the federal government for indigenous peoples in Canada, ruling unanimously that Métis and non-status Indians fall under its constitutional jurisdiction.

"The constitutional changes, the apologies for historic wrongs, a growing appreciation that aboriginal and non-aboriginal people are partners in Confederation, as well as the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, all indicate that reconciliation with all of Canada's aboriginal peoples is Parliament's goal," Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Abella wrote in the unanimous decision delivered Thursday morning.

The Supreme Court ruled that the roughly 418,000 Métis and 214,000 non-status Indians — or First Nations people without registered Indian status — should be considered "Indians" under section 91(24) of the Constitution Act of 1867, just as First Nations people with registered Indian status are.

"Let's establish a process and begin talking."
Dwight Dorey, national chief, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples

"Making progress will require real co-operation and genuine partnership."
Carolyn Bennett, Indigenous Affairs Minister

"I can guarantee you one thing: the path forward will be together."
PM Justin Trudeau

"We now have official access to the federal government in this."
Elder Joe Blyan, Métis Nation of Alberta

The landmark ruling gives these groups a starting point for negotiating rights, treaties, services and benefits with Ottawa, although it does not provide the federal government with directions on how to proceed.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called it a "landmark decision" and reiterated his Liberal government has committed to reset Canada's relationship with indigenous peoples.

"Quite frankly, we as a government have positioned ourselves in a way that is focused on renewing the relationship with indigenous peoples across this country through an open, respectful, honest, engaged partnership and relationship," said Trudeau.

The Supreme Court said this decision should put an end to the back-and-forth over whether provinces or the federal government has legislative jurisdiction over Métis and non-status Indians, which often left these people with no sure way who to turn to or negotiate with, or who to hold to account for unfulfilled obligations.

The decision prompted jubilation and emotion from the Métis and non-status Indian leaders who crowded the foyer of the Supreme Court to react to be among the first to react to the decision Thursday morning.

The ruling noted that before Confederation, the Crown had often included Métis and others of mixed aboriginal ancestry in its understanding of "Indians," used then as a generic term for aboriginal peoples, and that it often applied laws and policies to them as such. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HEALTH

Deal with reserve troubles: Leaders

Aboriginal leaders painted a bleak picture of dire and deadly conditions on reserves during testimony Thursday before a parliamentary committee.

First Nations leaders, including Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, urged the federal government to address tragedies playing out on the ground.

"I cannot count how many funerals I have gone to in our communities," Fiddler said.

His organization, which represents northern Ontario communities, declared a public health emergency in February.

Dr. Michael Kirlew, a physician based in Sioux Lookout, Ont., also pleaded with the committee to ensure there is "drastic change, quickly."

"The more time that we wait, the more children will die. I appeal to you today, not as politicians, not as members of political parties ... let's return the humanity to this process. This process needs that humanity."

Kirlew, who travels to communities near Sioux Lookout to provide care, said First Nations people living on reserve receive a standard of health care that is far inferior to what other people get.

"Not just a little inferior - far inferior," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Feds to unveil law on assisted dying

More than a year after the Supreme Court struck down Canada's ban on assisted suicide, the federal government will introduce a new law spelling out the conditions in which seriously ill or dying Canadians may seek medical help to end their lives.

The proposed law will not be as permissive as recommended by a special committee. It is expected to say only competent adults should be eligible to receive medical aid in dying.

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HEALTH

'The sound he was making was heartwrenching'

A mother accused in her toddler's death from bacterial meningitis wept repeatedly Thursday as she told court about the day her son was rushed to hospital.

"Our son was on life support and we were being told that someone felt we were neglectful. We were now being questioned on our parenting, too," testified Collet Stephan, choking back tears.

Stephan, 35 and her husband David, 32, are on trial accused of failing to provide the necessaries of life for 19-month-old Ezekiel in March 2012.

Ezekiel had been sick for more than two weeks when he stopped breathing and later died in hospital. Court has heard how his parents gave him natural remedies, including smoothies with hot peppers and horseradish, because they thought he had croup.

Stephan told jurors that the first day of her son's illness was easily the worst. She said he had a fever and was making a wheezing and whistling noise as he tried to breathe.

"The sound he was making was heartwrenching."

When asked about her background and her decision to stay home to raise children, Stephan smiled.

"Because I love being a mom."

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Decoding whale culture

ANIMALS

Researcher uncovers the secret life of sperm whales

New research reveals there's more to being a sperm whale than diving, eating giant squid and being as big as a city bus.

These lumbering behemoths may have their own distinct dialects and cultures — and prefer other whales that are most like themselves, according to a marine researcher at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

After analyzing 30 years of underwater recordings, PhD candidate Mauricio Cantor has found that sperm whales learn to communicate from their peers and relatives, in much the same way that humans do.

"They prefer to interact with those that communicate using the same sounds that they do ... and we call these vocal clans," he says. "Even though they are very different from us, they have key similarities with our society, in terms of having families, having social preferences and also communicating using similar sounds."

When near the surface of the ocean, typical sperm whales emit clicking noises that sound like a stick being raked across a series of metal bars — a kind of staccato Morse code.

Researchers have long known that these sounds have patterns associated with separate populations of sperm whales.

Cantor's research, however, goes much deeper than that.

Using recordings that date back to the 1980s, Cantor created computer simulations of whale populations spread over many centuries. The technique generated evidence suggesting communication within these large groups is the product of social learning.

"The most likely scenario is that they are learning from their peers. They are conforming to the most common sounds they hear, just like us. They tend to copy what is in fashion."

The fascinating result, he says, is segregated whale cultures that are not unlike the various human cultures around the globe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marine researchers have known for a long time that separate whale groups communicate with different sounds. PhD candidate Mauricio Cantor went deeper and found that those patterns are based on social learning. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

B.C. declares emergency after spike in overdoses
British Columbia has become the first province in Canada to declare a public health emergency after a dramatic increase in the number of overdose deaths from illicit drugs such as fentanyl. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal point man in the Senate looks for cash
The Liberal government's point man in the Senate walked into a political storm Thursday over what he felt was a practical request for more than $800,000 from the upper chamber. Peter Harder told the committee that he wasn't asking for anything more or less than what Conservative Claude Carignan received when he was government leader in the Senate under Stephen Harper. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada-EU visa spat an 'irritant': Freeland
International Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland says the ongoing visa dispute between Canada and the EU is an irritant in an otherwise strong relationship. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Illegal gold booms in Latin America

A new study says illegal gold is more valuable than cocaine in the southern continent. In Colombia and Peru, the industry funds organized crime, devastates the environment and exploits women and children. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In Peru and Colombia, the world's top producers of cocaine, illegally mined gold is now a more valuable export than cocaine, according to a new study.

Organized criminal groups have moved into this sector, leaving workers vulnerable to labour exploitation, human trafficking and sexual offences, the study says.

"It is staggering when you go to these illegal mines and you see that the government is not responding and all the negative impacts on the environment and on the people," said Livia Wagner, who wrote the report for the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, based in Switzerland. "Illegal mining funds criminal and terrorist groups, facilitates money laundering and corruption … and creates sex trafficking."

Illegal miners tend to use heavy machinery, but lack legal titles and shirk labour and environmental standards. Both Peru and Colombia also have large-scale legal gold mining industries, including mines run by companies based in Canada.

High gold prices from 2000 to 2010, combined with lower profit margins in drug trafficking, created the ideal conditions for this boom. Once gold is laundered it becomes indistinguishable from legal gold and can be easily moved across borders.

The study estimates that 28 per cent of gold mined in Peru is illegal, earning criminals $3.3 billion a year. In Colombia, it estimates 80 per cent of gold production is illegal, worth between $1.9 billion and $2.6 billion a year.

That makes illegal mining more lucrative than cocaine production.

"We came up with these numbers by looking at how much gold miners officially register versus how much gold is being exported. The discrepancy is the illegally mined gold," Wagner said. "Gold has no label and doesn't have a provenance."

Latin America also has a large number of traditional, artisanal miners, who work without heavy machinery, are not considered illegal and are generally not connected to organized crime.

Most of Latin American gold is sent to refineries in the U.S., Switzerland and Canada.

The investigation also found evidence of the sexual abuse of children in the illegal mining sector. In Peru, girls are recruited to work in brothels close to mining areas in the country's southeast. As many as 2,000 sex workers, of whom 60 per cent are minors, are employed near one mining area, the study says.

Illegal mining can also take a devastating toll on the environment and on human health. A common way to extract gold is for workers to mix toxic mercury with powdered ore, and then burn off the mercury to collect the gold. This process, which is often done without safety equipment, can cause permanent health problems.

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BY THE NUMBERS

1 Peru
Legal gold production: **138 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **54 tonnes, 28% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **$3.3 billion**

2 Ecuador
Legal gold: **2.7 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **7.3 tonnes, 77% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **$510 million**

3 Colombia
Legal gold: **10 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **41 tonnes, 80% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **$2.6 billion**

4 Venezuela
Legal gold: **1.8 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **15 tonnes, 91% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **$900 million**

5 Brazil
Legal gold: **72 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **8.2 tonnes, 10% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **$510 million**

6 Bolivia
Legal gold production: **5.4 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **2.7 tonnes, 31% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **$130 million**

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Germany opens jobs for migrants

REFUGEE CRISIS

Creation of 100,000 'opportunities' predicted

Seeking to better integrate the 1.1 million asylum-seekers who arrived last year, Germany's governing parties agreed Thursday to get newcomers into the workforce faster, promote broader German language skills and prevent migrant ghettos from forming in big cities.

The measures, which will be discussed with state governors before they're presented to Parliament, seek to strike a balance between giving migrants easier access to jobs and integration courses while also increasing expectations of them.

Chancellor Angela Merkel told reporters the proposals make clear "there are duties and obligations for all who come to us."

The measures foresee creating 100,000 government-funded "job opportunities" for migrants, according to a copy of the plan obtained by The Associated Press. They also would suspend for three years a rule that excludes asylum-seekers from jobs unless no German or European Union citizen can fill them.

"The core idea is to attempt to integrate as many people in the labour force as possible," Merkel said.

One of the key components to Merkel's attempts so far to deal with the influx of migrants has been to streamline the system so those fleeing conflict and persecution and likely to receive asylum will receive it faster, and so-called "economic" migrants just looking for better jobs will be sent home quickly.

In line with that philosophy, the jobs being created wouldn't be available to economic migrants, according to the plan.

However, the expanded orientation courses for migrants would still be encouraged even for those with little chance of receiving asylum, with the idea that some will stay and would benefit from them, while others would still profit from the training when they return to their homelands.

Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel said the idea of creating an integration law for the first time in Germany was a "historic step" and called the proposed measures "a good foundation."

Other elements of the plan include reducing the waiting times for integration courses teaching German, but making language classes mandatory for more migrants.

In an attempt to prevent migrant ghettos, the new regulations would take away benefits from anyone who moves away from where they have been officially resettled. Details will be determined by individual states, but migrants could be allowed to resettle if they find a job elsewhere.

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Refugee women queue for goods at the makeshift camp at the Greek-Macedonian border. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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IN BRIEF

Welcome to Czechia

Czechia will soon be synonymous with the Czech Republic.

Unlike most European countries, the Czech Republic has lacked a one-word version of its name in foreign languages. Now, the country is set to use the name Czechia in English, Tschechien in German or Tchequie in French," translations of "Cesko" in Czech. The Foreign Ministry said a one-word name is more practical and flexible for various uses.

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Chimp runs loose in Japan

A chimpanzee fled from a zoo in northern Japan and tried to avoid being captured by climbing an electric pole.

Chacha, a male chimp, was on the loose for two hours Thursday after it disappeared from the Yagiyama Zoological Park. TV footage showed Chacha atop the pole. After being hit by a sedative arrow, Chacha eventually fell into a blanket held by workers on the ground. It was not immediately clear if he survived.

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BOKO HARAM

Nigerians march for schoolgirls

Angry over lack of progress to resolve one of the highest-profile mass kidnappings in the world, Nigerians marched in their country's major cities on Thursday to demand the safe return of girls who were abducted by Boko Haram extremists two years ago from a school in Chibok.

Nigerian Vice-President Yemi Osinbajo was expected in the northeastern town of Chibok for the anniversary of the kidnappings, said Yakubu Nkeki, leader of a support group of parents of the kidnapped girls. He said the community is angry that their only school remains in ruins. Boko Haram firebombed buildings as they took off with girls.

Some 20,000 children in the town and its surroundings have no school to attend, Nkeki said Thursday as parents gathered at the ruins of the school to pray for the safe return of their daughters.

"Boko Haram has achieved its aim. They say they don't want us to have Western education and our children don't," Nkeki said.

Two years ago, the Islamic extremists seized 276 girls who had gathered for science exams at the Government Girls Secondary School in the northeast town of Chibok. Some managed to escape, jumping off pickup trucks as the Islamic extremists drove them toward the Sambisa Forest. A total of 219 remain missing.

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This CNN footage shows 15 of the more than 200 schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram in Chibok, Nigeria. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Water's rise, pop's demise

Even though single-serve bottled water is usually more expensive than a can of pop, consumption of bottled water in the U.S. is set to overtake that of soft drinks for the first time as health-conscious buyers shun the high-calorie fizzy stuff. Here's a look at bottled water's rise and sinking pop brands.

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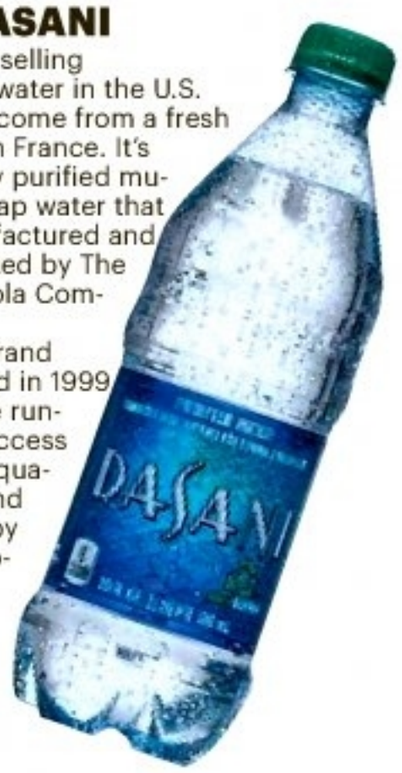

The top-selling bottled water in the U.S. doesn't come from a fresh spring in France. It's basically purified municipal tap water that is manufactured and distributed by The Coca-Cola Company.

The brand launched in 1999 after the runaway success of the Aquafina brand owned by rival PepsiCo.

2 NESTLÉ PURE LIFE

Nestlé Waters of Canada Ltd. remains the dominant player in Canada with a 30 per cent share of retail sales in 2015. The company added new flavours to its Pure Life Sparkling range as well as L'Orange to its Perrier range in early 2015, stressing the zero calorie and zero sugar features. It also has a presence in the carbonated category with its Sanpellegrino Sparkling fruit beverage.

3 AQUAFINA

Launched in 1994, this flat water brand is also derived from the local water supply. After pressure from environmental groups, owner PepsiCo announced this year that it will revise the product's label to clearly show the drink is made with treated water from public reservoirs.

The brand is also big into flavoured waters.

4 SMARTWATER

Electrolytes and potassium are added to this "vapour distilled" water to give it a clean taste. Smartwater is a private subsidiary of The Coca Cola Company under the Energy Brands banner. About 10 years ago rapper 50 Cent owned a minority stake in the company as part of an endorsement deal. The bankrupt hit-maker has since sold his shares.

5 COCA COLA & PEPSI

The decline in pop sales has hit the world's biggest soft-drink maker hard since 74 per cent of its business worldwide remains soft drinks. Coca Cola got an 8 per cent calorie cut last January in Canada and shrank its bottle size. Meanwhile, Pepsi has battled detractors with a new tact, marketing a new product line as made with "real sugar" as opposed to artificial ingredients.

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Tiny Toto: Purebred pooches today have been bred to have chubbier cheeks, bigger eyes and smaller bodies than in the 1980s.

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CUSTOM BABIES NOT FAR OFF

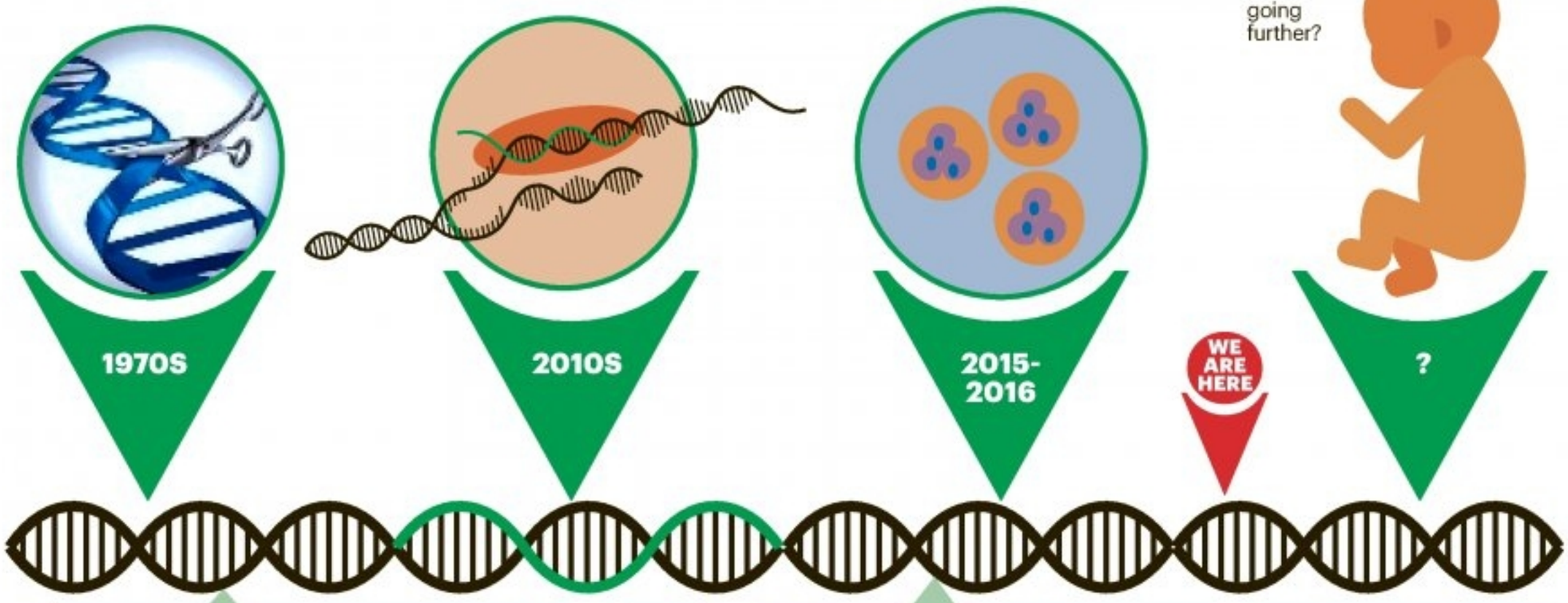
Imagine a world where we could genetically enhance human beings to heal easily, resist diseases and have eye colour, hair colour, and other traits made-to-order. It's science fiction. But it could be the future. Here's how: **CRISPR**, a precise tool for cutting and pasting DNA.

THE OLD WAY: RECOMBINANT DNA
Using a lot of complex and **fairly imprecise** equipment, scientists can extract and copy a gene from one thing and incorporate it into a different organism's DNA.

CRISPR IN ACTION
Scientists custom-engineer the RNAs in the **CRISPR system** to accurately edit or disable several genes at once, and precisely select where to insert a gene in a living cell.

HUMAN EXPERIMENTS
In March of 2015 and March 2016, teams in China used CRISPR to modify human embryos — first to change a gene for a **blood disorder**, then to create **resistance to HIV**. They were only partly successful, and created many unintended changes.

WHAT'S NEXT?
Soon science could change embryos with CRISPR and implant them **using in-vitro fertilization**. CRISPR is easy to use and becoming more accurate. What's to stop some unscrupulous scientist from going further?



WHAT IS CRISPR?
Bacteria use CRISPR (**C**lustered **R**egularly **I**nterspaced **S**hort **P**alindromic **R**epeats), a type of DNA sequence, to fight invading viruses. CRISPR-related genes make **guide RNAs**, which help locate the DNA of viruses, and **Cas proteins**, which snip off bits of viruses' DNA. This wrecks the virus and lets the bacteria stow a bit of viral DNA in their own genes, in case of repeat attack.

ETHICAL DILEMMA
There's huge legal and scientific opposition to using CRISPR to change the **human germ line** — sperm, eggs or embryos. In 2015, top geneticists wrote an editorial in Nature calling this practice "dangerous and ethically unacceptable." If a CRISPR-modified embryo were implanted and allowed to grow into a person, every cell in that person's body would carry the modification. **And it would be passed down to their offspring, too.**

GRAPHIC: ANDRÉS PLANA/METRO

FINDINGS
Your week in science

DYING DOLPHINS
In the last four years, 88 per cent of the dead baby and fetal dolphins found near the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill site had serious lung problems, says a new study involving UBC researchers.

DARK DUEL
For more than a decade, scientists at the Gran Sasso lab in Italy have claimed to be first to detect dark matter. Their claim isn't widely accepted, but no one's been able to disprove it. Now two other teams, one at Yale and one in South Korea, are going to replicate the Italian methods and see what they can see.

SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
Superhydrophobic materials — many of them developed and refined in recent years — aren't just water-repellent. Water rolls off them, and many such materials cause a thin layer of air to collect between the water and the surface.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
"I can barely see the road in this rain. I wish my windshield were **superhydrophobic**."

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Is space junk going to fall on me?

How did Japan just lose a satellite? Is it going to fall on me? — C.L., Toronto

The Hitomi satellite, an X-ray telescope meant to study objects like black holes and neutron stars, was launched in February 2016 by JAXA, the Japanese space agency. On March 26, something went sideways: The $285-million contraption broke up, lost contact with JAXA (apart from spotty radio signals) and was recorded apparently tumbling end-over-end across the sky.

What happened isn't clear, but U.S. military experts don't think it was a collision with a large object. JAXA's first priority is re-establishing contact; the blame game will follow.

According to UBC astrophysicist Jaymie Matthews, it will likely be years before pieces of Hitomi enter our atmosphere, they'll be small, and most will land in the ocean. There is a slim chance it could smash into another satellite, but no, it's not going to fall on you.

It's more probable, but exceedingly unlikely, you'll get hit by something else from space. Tonnes of asteroids, meteorites, etc. fall on Earth every day, mostly as dust. The exactly one confirmed case of a direct meteorite hit on a person, in 1954, resulted in a spectacular bruise, not death.

There's always the chance of a civilization-ending impact from a massive object, but there's no evidence one is imminent (NASA's got an eye out) and there's no point worrying.

This brings up one of my favourite topics in the universe: The difference between hazard and risk. A hazard can cause harm under certain circumstances; a risk is the chance of harm actually happening. Space junk is a hazard, sure. But the risk is infinitesimal.

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‘The King of the swingers’

King Louie’s I Wan’na Be Like You gets re-imagined for the new Jungle Book, with Christopher Walken singing. CONTRIBUTED

THE JUNGLE BOOK

Here’s how one of Disney’s best-loved songs came to be made

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

In 2009 I hosted an on-stage event with Disney legend Richard Sherman.

The co-writer (with his brother Robert) of classic songs like It’s a Small World (After All), Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and the Oscar winning Chim Chim Cher-ee, was seated behind a piano and after regaling us with stories from his career, asked if anyone had any song requests.

I took advantage of my position as host and butted in, asking if he’d sing the hippest children’s song ever written, I Wan’na Be like You (The Monkey Song) from The Jungle Book.

As his fingers danced across the keyboard, he began, “Now, I’m the King of the Swinger’s Ball, a Jungle V.I.P…” and I was transported back to being a kid, wearing the grooves off the soundtrack record, playing it over and over. I was reminded of that memorable moment earlier this week as I watched the new, updated version of The Jungle Book. The song gets a remake, this time sung by Christopher Walken, but the magic is still there.

In the animated 1967 original, Louis Prima — playing the raucous orangutan King Louie — sang the upbeat tune but Richard Sherman says when they wrote the song they didn’t have Prima in mind.

Walt Disney hired them to help “Disnify” Rudyard Kipling’s original stories about a feral child raised in the jungle by wolves.

“Our assignment was to find crazy ways of having fun with it,” says Sherman.

For King Louie’s big moment the brothers went with a New Orleans inspired musical arrangement, complete with scat-singing.

They played the swingin’ song at a story conference and it was decided the singer should be the most swingin’ jazz act in the country. “When we first got an idea for I Wan’na Be Like You, we said an ape swings from a tree, and he’s the king of apes. We’ll make him ‘the king of the swingers.’ That’s the idea, we’ll make him a jazz man.”

The brothers presented the song to Prima who reportedly said, “You want to make a monkey out of me? You got me!”

It was a perfect marriage of performer to character, so much so that Disney animators filmed Prima live on a soundstage as a guide to animate his movements in the movie.

The I Wan’na Be like You (The Monkey Song) sequence is a standout in a film filled with great songs and has made a lasting impression on a generation or two of musicians.

Everyone from Phish and Voodoo Glow Skulls to Los Lobos and Fall Out Boy have covered the song. There’s a Hungarian version called Egy ilyen majom embernek való by Gyula Bodrogi & László Csákányi. And O Rei do Iê-Iê-Iê was a hit in Brazil for Márcio Simões & Mauro Ramos.

Of all the covers, Sherman says he likes the version by Smash Mouth featured in The Jungle Book 2. Almost 50 years after he originally co-wrote the song Richard Sherman revisited the tune. On the red carpet at The Jungle Book’s premier last week Sherman said he wrote new lyrics, “because it’s not the King Louie you saw in the first movie. This is a gigantopithecus, the greatest ape there ever was.”

Louis Prima’s version will always be the classic, at least for me, but Sherman says, “Chris Walken does a great job (on the song).”

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Jungle Book	★★★★
Barbershop: The Next Cut	★★★
Criminal	★★
Miles Ahead	★★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
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★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

CANNES

Canada’s Xavier Dolan offers up film for festival’s top prize

Canadian wunderkind director Xavier Dolan will be competing at the Cannes Film Festival once again, this time with It’s Only the End of the World.

The story of a dying author, starring Marion Cotillard and Lea Seydoux, marks the second time Dolan has had a film running for the Palme d’Or top prize.

The 27-year-old has a storied history with the prestigious festival in France. Last year he was a jury member, in 2014 his film Mommy shared the jury prize, and in 2009 his first feature film I Killed My Mother won several awards.

Sean Penn’s The Last Face, about aid workers in Africa, will also compete at festival — along with movies about interracial marriage in 1950s America, illness and poverty in working class Britain, and cannibal fashion models in L.A.

The 49 selected films come from 28 countries, including Iran, Brazil, Egypt, Israel and South Korea.

Twenty of them are in the running for the Palme d’Or, the top prize at the French Riviera festival, held under heightened security this year after recent deadly Islamic extremist attacks on France and Belgium.

Xavier Dolan’s film It’s Only the End of the World stars Marion Cotillard as a dying author. CONTRIBUTED

Organizers hope that the three women directors that figure among the 20 top-tier entries will satisfy critics who say that female talent is overlooked at the festival.

This year, top stars expected to grace the famed red carpet at the May 11-22 festival include Cotillard, Shia LaBeouf, Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart, Charlize Theron, Julia Roberts, Jodie Foster and George Clooney, and this edition will see the return of old Cannes favourites such as directors Pedro Almodovar, Ken Loach, Jim Jarmusch and the Dardenne brothers.

Penn’s latest directorial effort, with Theron and Javier Bardem, is likely to get top attention, alongside the festival’s wackiest entry, the Danish horror film The Neon Demon by Nicolas Winding Refn about beauty-obsessed flesh-eating models.

Others include Loving by American director Jeff Nichols, about a black-white couple in the U.S. in the 1950s, and British director Loach’s I, Daniel Blake, about a working-class man in northern England struggling with poverty and injury.

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Miles Davis biopic more fantasy than factual

INTERVIEW

Don Cheadle bends genres in tribute to jazz hero

Don Cheadle admits his unconventional Miles Davis biopic, Miles Ahead, is not for everyone.

In fact, he's expecting some people will reject it outright for fantasy sequences, playing with timelines, and daring to invent a caper that puts the jazz legend at the centre of a wild gun battle and car chase.

The House of Lies and Iron Man 3 actor — who stars, directed, co-wrote and produced Miles Ahead— says he wasn't interested in crafting a strict biography.

"I wanted something different," Cheadle said this week as the film heads to Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal on Friday, before opening in other cities.

"And yeah, every minute I thought, 'I don't know if this is going to connect with people.'"

Reached in Los Angeles, Cheadle chatted about scraping the project together, becoming a director, and the appeal of bombastic Marvel flicks.

This interview has been edited.

You put so much of yourself into this project, what did it mean to get it made?

Different things at different times. This is 10 years ago, I guess, that it was first brought to my attention from Vince Wilburn, Miles's nephew.... Between then and now there's been a lot of fits and starts and we thought we were down the road with several people and (saw) those opportunities evaporate. Finally, we were able to secure financing with, as my agent likes to say, "irrational investors," and go forward.

And through a lot of different things — social, crowdfunding and me putting in money, friends putting in money, me deferring all my fees, shooting in Cincinnati with the rebate, all of the things that had to come into play — we were able to get it going.

What do you want people to know about Miles?

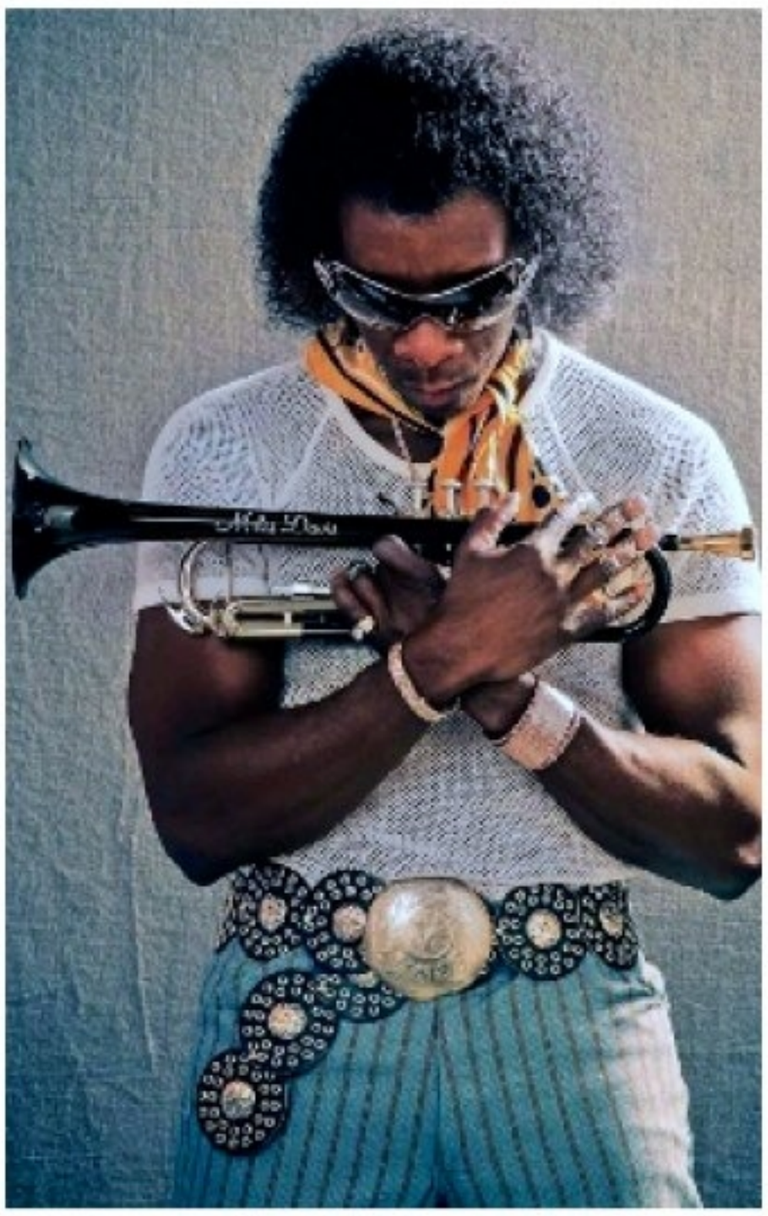
To me, the star of Miles's life is always his music and I wanted to create a narrative that would allow us to really explore that a lot. And come up with a story that would support us using a lot of different music from a lot of different timelines and a lot of different genres and having all of that fuse itself into the storytelling in a way that propels the narrative.

Hence using fantasy?

Just trying to be creative about it. As I said to the family right off the bat, I said: I want to make a movie that Miles Davis would want to star in, much more than I want to make a movie that attempts to do kind of a CliffsNotes version of his life or just hit the highlights and lowlights and try to jam it all in.

I wanted to do what Miles did (but) with my medium, which is play what's not there. "Fear no mistakes for there are none"— all of the things that Miles used to talk about, about how to approach music — I wanted to approach cinema in the same way.

As I said to the family right off the bat, I want to make a movie that Miles Davis would want to star in.
Don Cheadle



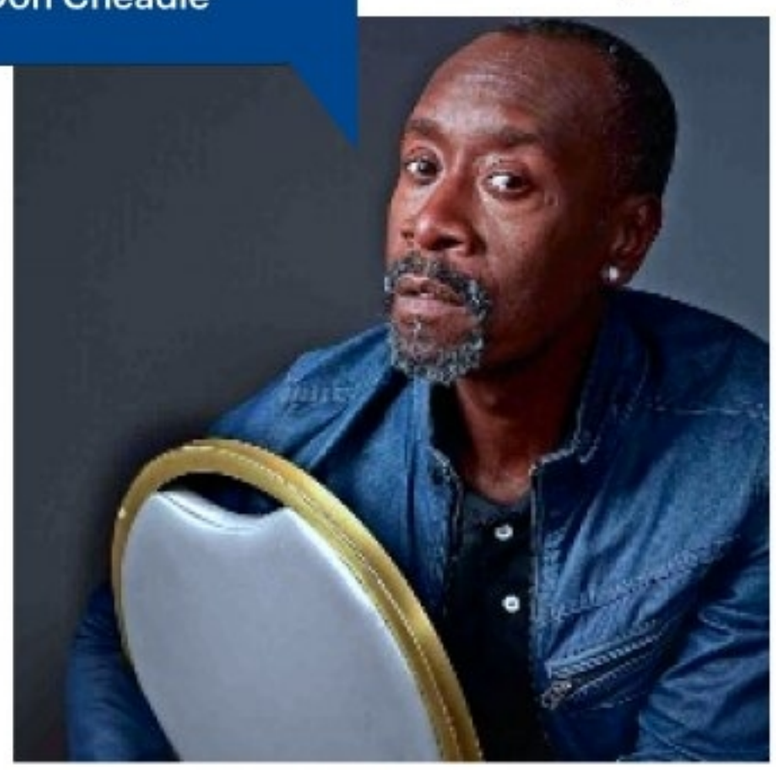
Don Cheadle stars, directed, co-wrote and produced the Miles Davis movies Miles Ahead. PHOTO CREDIT IN SMALL CAPS

Is that why you took on so many roles?

Well, I tried to give it away, I mean I tried to give parts of it away. At some point during this process, hearing "No's" and it being such a struggle, I thought, "Well, maybe the impediment is the fact I'm a first-time director and this material seems challenging and people aren't sure about it. Maybe we just need to get another director in here."

And I tried to hire another director, I tried to offload that part of it but I couldn't.

Thankfully that didn't happen and it all came back to me. Though it did take a toll in pushing it through.



Cheadle looks at Davis as inspiration for taking risks .
CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/AP

Can you get the same creative satisfaction from doing a big Marvel project like your upcoming War Machine role in Captain America: Civil War?

Oh, sure. But that's just because I like different experiences. I get something out of all that fun, stunty flying, cool big action (stuff). It's fun for me, too.

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

'Nothing will ever be able to satisfactorily explain why somebody like Miles Davis or Nina Simone exists,' Simon said

Fresh off our flight and in the back of a taxi headed to the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans last Saturday morning, Simon looked out his window and gasped. "What is it?" I asked.

"That corner there — right at North Rampart and Perdido — that's the spot where a 12-year-old Louis Armstrong shot a revolver and was sent to the Negro Waif's Home," he said, "which is where he learned to play the trumpet."

The next day Simon saw the trumpet itself at the Jazz collection in the Louisiana State Museum. I regret not being with him — I've seen Armstrong's music bring him to tears so I wonder what happened when he spotted the instrument — but I was on my own cultural excursion, which may have included looking for Brad and Angelina's former home in the French Quarter.

Later on, maybe because we were in the city where jazz was invented, or maybe on account of those cold bottles of Heineken, we talked about the Jazz Biopic Trend: This Friday you can see Don Cheadle as Miles Davis in Miles Ahead, there's Born to be Blue with Ethan Hawke playing Chet Baker, and soon Nina will hit theatres with Zoe Saldana as Ms. Simone.

Simon, who will gladly watch Ken Burns' 10-part documentary on jazz any night of the week, has no interest in watching them. Why? "Because you're going to see somebody overcoming obstacles," he said. "You'll get the facts and details of their life — and they might contextualize what you're hearing — but nothing will ever be able to satisfactorily explain why somebody like Miles Davis or Nina Simone exists."

THE MOVIE: Miles Ahead

THE DRINK: A Sazerac

"I'll give Don Cheadle credit," he continued. "He tackles the retirement: where Miles basically just lived in the dark, did drugs, and didn't touch his horn for five years. But even that could diminish him because any narrative arc is beneath the calibre of the art he created, the tumultuous life he lived, and the indignities he suffered living as a black genius in America."

And after watching the superb Nina Simone documentary on Netflix, we both agreed that it would be embarrassing for an actor to play her — because you don't need to.

But what about Louis? Would Simon ever watch a biopic about Satchmo? I asked him that on our last night in Crescent City. It must've been after 1:00 a.m. when we saddled up to the Sazerac Bar in our hotel lobby for one final namesake cocktail before flying home early that morning. Maybe three days of music, a second line parade in Treme, and eating — shrimp gumbo, fried catfish, boiled crawfish, too many po' boys — had softened his resolve.

"Not on your life," he said. "You know he spent a long time away from New Orleans because he refused to play in front of segregated audiences. He wouldn't come home until it ended."

We sat in silence for a moment, sipping on our Sazeracs. "That's why I get so emotional about Louis Armstrong: this genius whose whole thing was just creating joy. And to come out of such misery — to be a despised person in your country — and despite that, to just bring joy to millions of people," he said. "That's something you can't understand in 90 minutes with a bow-tie ending. You have to listen to the recordings, bow down before them, and be grateful that we live in age of recorded sound."

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

FILM BRIEFS

Channing Tatum to join cast of Kingsman 2

Channing Tatum has confirmed that he is joining the cast of Kingsman: Golden Circle.

The actor announced the news his official Twitter account saying, "I'm about to get all up in that Golden Circle."

The film is the sequel to Matthew Vaughn's 2014 action-spy movie and will continue the story of Eggsy, played by Egerton, who was recruited by a secret spy operative and trained to become one of their best agents. AFP

Adaptation of Fahrenheit 451 is in the works

A movie adaptation of Ray Bradbury's classic novel Fahrenheit 451 is in the works at HBO films reports The Wrap.

Ramin Bahrani, who previously wrote and directed the Andrew Garfield and Michael Shannon movie 99 Homes is set to write, direct, and executive produce the project. AFP

REMAKE

Scooby-Doo film to launch Hanna-Barbera universe

As a third attempt at turning daft doggy Scooby-Doo and his mystery-solving chums into a theatrical success, September 2018's S.C.O.O.B. will also form the basis of a cinematic universe of Hanna-Barbera cartoon adaptations.

Unveiling studio plans at CinemaCon 2016 in Las Vegas, Warner Bros teased a fuller, more connected Hanna-Barbera experience during a presentation that included looks at the likes of Wonder Woman, Suicide Squad, The LEGO Batman Movie and Harry Potter prequel Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.

In development since at least 2013, S.C.O.O.B. comes as a reboot after live-action outings Scooby-Doo (2002) and Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004).

Though Scooby-Doo 2 made $180m worldwide on an $80m production budget, it flopped in comparison to the previous film's $275m; Warner Bros evidently took the hint and shelved the franchise for over a decade and counting.

But just as Scooby-Doo and his quartet of teenage sleuths would persevere until successful, Warner Bros is returning to the show's characters, and now with more ambition than before.

Scooby-Doo was first made for the big screen in 2002. HANDOUT

During Warner's April 12 presentation, S.C.O.O.B. was described not as a reboot, nor even a big summer film, but as "our first shot at unlocking the entire Hanna Barbera universe," according to director Tony Cervone.

Well acquainted with Scooby-Doo, Cervone's been involved with Hanna-Barbera properties since the early 1990s, and in the time since has been nominated for two Daytime Emmys, and an Annie Award — the latter as an animation director on top-grossing basketball film Space Jam.

Meanwhile, there's good reason to suspect that Cervone would be working from a killer script: Randall Green was attached to the project even before two of his treatments landed on 2014's Black List — an annual rundown of Hollywood's hottest unproduced screenplays.

Precious little else is known about the movie nor of Warner Bros' plans to leverage its storied TV animation subsidiary, but the studio has a host of memorable cartoon characters at its disposal: Yogi Bear, Jonny Quest, the GoBots, Atom Ant, Top Cat, The Jetsons and Sealab 2020 have all been subject to WB reissues over the last half-dozen years. AFP

From the jungle to jet setting

THE JUNGLE BOOK

Young actor on his career and playing ball with Bill Murray

At only four-foot-eleven, budding movie star Neel Sethi's feet dangle freely from his perch during an all-day junket to promote his film, The Jungle Book.

So freely that the chair squeaks, and it prompts urgent action to keep a reporter's recording from being spoiled: a duffel bag is plopped on top of a wooden crate and placed under the 12-year-old's feet.

The interview can resume. Like a pro, Sethi offers up a smile for the camera.

This pre-teen leading man takes the quirks of helming an international publicity campaign in stride, eagerly listing all the ways he's just like his big screen character, Mowgli, and dropping anecdotes about co-star Bill Murray and director Jon Favreau.

Neel Sethi was chosen for the role of Mowgli out of 2,000 contenders. CONTRIBUTED

"I got to meet a lot of people," Sethi says matter-of-factly of his blockbuster turn.

"Bill Murray, me and Jon Favreau flew to Martha's Vineyard on a private jet and Jon Favreau made a brisket while me and Bill Murray played football."

Sethi stars in the live-action remake of Disney's animated 1967 film of the same name, also based on Rudyard Kipling's stories about an abandoned child raised in the jungle by an array of wild animals.

The effects-laden feature is packed with eye-popping spectacles — virtually everything, save for Sethi, is computer-generated.

That includes the fearsome tiger Shere Khan, voiced by Idris Elba; the protective panther Bagheera, voiced by Ben Kingsley; Mowgli's bear pal Baloo, voiced by Murray; and the deceitful snake Kaa, voiced by Scarlett Johansson.

> **We're so similar. I don't really need to turn into Mowgli because we're already the same**
>
> Neel Sethi on getting into character as the human star Mowgli in The Jungle Book

When talk turns to his on-set exploits, Sethi insists the project was more play than work, since his jungle-raised character spends a good chunk of time running, jumping, swinging or climbing.

"I trained in parkour like two weeks before filming, and that really helped me," says Sethi, who was chosen for the role out of 2,000 young contenders.

"They would teach me how to land safely and I'd get over things quickly. It was a lot of fun. And now it looks so cool in the movie."

Sethi acted against a blue screen opposite Favreau, or puppets from Jim Henson's Creature Shop.

His performances were then digitally assembled alongside the computer-generated creatures — more than 70 species in all — and matched up with a meticulously detailed digital jungle backdrop.

As for channelling the character of the 10-year-old Mowgli, it wasn't a big deal, says Sethi.

"We're so similar. I don't really need to turn into Mowgli because we're already the same," he says.

"We're both stubborn, energetic and adventurous."

And he's ready for another close-up, as long as he can also pursue a few other passions.

"I definitely want to do more of this," says Sethi, whose parents are both dentists.

"It's a lot of fun but also I want to be a dentist and a basketball player, a football player and a baseball player."

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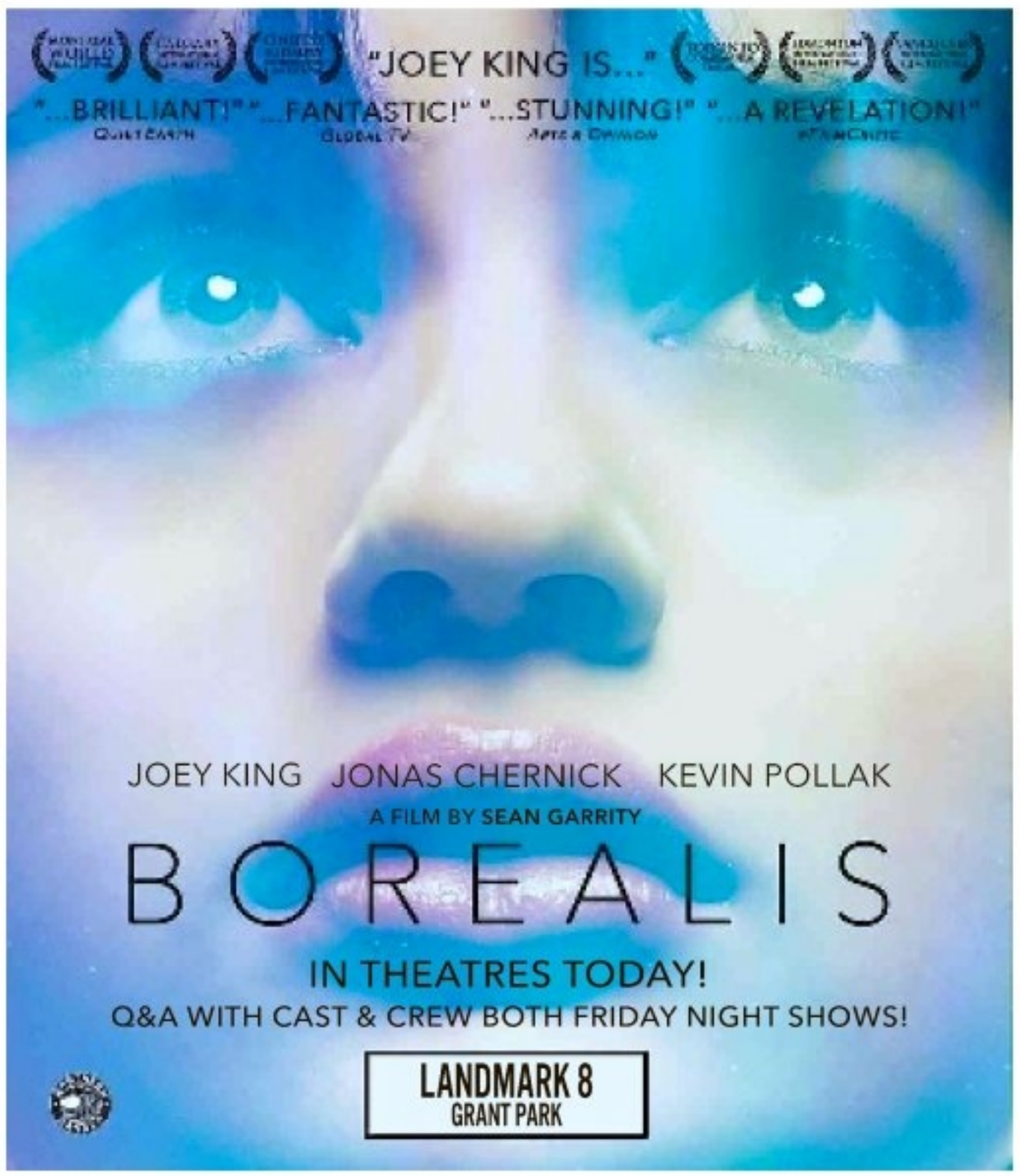

INTERVIEW

Rachel McAdams talks about the struggles of reporters

Rachel McAdams, the actress who portrayed a Boston Globe reporter in the Oscar-winning Spotlight, believes journalists should be praised as "unsung heroes," although nothing is easy about their jobs except for the frumpy clothes they get to wear.

"It really is a dying art, and not for the faint of heart either," she told reporters in Tokyo Thursday.

"They keep institutions on their toes and keep people accountable."

Spotlight, directed and written by Tom McCarthy, depicts how newspaper reporters uncovered how dozens of priests in the Archdiocese of Boston had molested and raped children for decades, while church higher-ups covered it up and shuffled abusive priests from parish to parish.

The film, which won the Academy Award for best picture and best screenplay, opens in Japan Friday. The cast includes Mark Ruffalo and Micheal Keaton.

McAdams acknowledged that when she first read the script she wasn't sure anyone would come to see the film because it lacked the cinematic flash associated with blockbusters.

McAdams, who also starred in The Notebook and Southpaw, was happy it brought out crowds.

Rachel McAdams arrives at the premiere of Spotlight in Tokyo on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"People were interested in seeing something that was just about the truth, that is the story that needed to be told, and gave voice to the voiceless," she said.

McAdams worked closely with the reporter she portrayed, the Pulitzer-winning Sacha Pfeiffer, to build her character.

She saw that reporters have a hard job because they never know if they will get a story, the hours are long, they rarely get encouragement and the pressures are high from powerful interests.

The one good thing about the job is that you can put on a pair of pants and a T-shirt like "a uniform" every day, and not have to think about clothes, she said, appearing at the Foreign Correspondents' Club in an elegant mini-dress splashed with colorful flowers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Best and worst adventures with Mowgli

CLASSICS

Not all Jungle Book remakes were great — here's why

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Thanks mainly to Disney, everyone is familiar with the tales of feral man-cub Mowgli and his bushland buddies Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther. But since novelist Rudyard Kipling first drafted up The Jungle Book in 1894, there have been many adaptations of the classic novel to allure movie audiences. In celebration of the newest Mowgli misadventure hitting theatres today, we flip open the cover on cinema's many Jungle Books.

1. The First Film

Nearly 50 years after publication, Hollywood took on The Jungle Book to great acclaim. Earning a quartet of Oscar nods, the 1942 live-action adaptation mesmerized moviegoers with its exotic locales, striking cinematography and the real-life teenage elephant-driver cast in the lead role.

Filming jungle sequences proved challenging in the '40s however; director Zoltan Korda nearly drowned shooting a scene with a huge rubber python.

2. The Animated Classic

There's no doubt Disney's 1967 animation is cinema's most prominent adoption of Kipling's creation. Bouncy Baloo singing Bare Necessities may be at the forefront of most moviegoers' memories but the film is also famous as Walt Disney's final feature after succumbing to cancer. Not only a financial triumph, the cartoon influenced many later Disney works. Even Ratatouille director Brad Bird claims it inspired him to become a filmmaker.

3. The Forgotten One

Disney attempted a live-action version of Jungle Book in 1994 finding modest earnings and reviews. Directed by Stephen Sommers (who later unearthed box-office gold with The Mummy franchise), the adventure deviated from Disney's hit animation — so much in fact that The Washington Post reported the movie owed less to the "cartoon classic than to the now-camp adventures of Tarzan."

4. The Sequel

In 2003, Disney stumbled with a sequel to their then-36 year old hit. Largely panned by critics, the animated remodeling (featuring voicework by John Goodman and Haley Joel Osment) was originally intended for a DVD release — where it should've remained. As famed critic Roger Ebert wrote, "Disney can do better, will do better, usually does better." And Disney certainly has.

5. The Next Book

Jungle Book fans won't have to wait long for another adaptation. In 2018 an ambitious new version hits theatres starring the likes of Benedict Cumberbatch and Cate Blanchett. Utilizing the motion-capture animation technique used in blockbusters like Lord of the Rings, this thriller should at least look impressive. After all, actor-director Andy Serkis literally played Gollum in that blockbuster franchise.

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A taste of the other Florida

PALM BEACH

Just as fun as Miami, but more laid back

Kathy Buckworth
For Metro Canada

At the halfway point of a polo match at the International Polo Club in Florida, there's a rush to the field by all the spectators. There are those in the champagne filled tents, who are there to be seen, and those who are there to watch, from the stands. Both move with equal speed to line up for a free glass of champagne and to stomp the divots. The divide between the demographics is significant, symbolic of the bridge that separates West Palm and Palm Beach. "I'd never cross" say some residents, of either side.

With only a population of 9,000, and at only 26 miles from top to bottom, Palm Beach is home to 32 billionaires, America's richest zip code, and where Donald Trump's 110,000 square foot estate Mar-A-Lago sits on coveted Ocean Boulevard, surrounded by homes owned by old money and new dot the shoreline. For a terrific overview of the island and its inhabitants, take the Island Living Tour, either by car, bike or your own two feet.

Polo is one of the season's central social activities. Prices vary; it is possible to take in a match for as little as $40. After hobnobbing, relax at a boutique hotel like the beachside Tideline, where you can join a complimentary yoga class or enjoy a plate of fresh sushi at on-site restaurant Mizu.

Do cross the bridge and venture into West Palm Beach on a Saturday between October and May and you'll have the chance to tour the very popular Green Market. Over 80 local food, drink and craft vendors make this a must visit to get a sense of the culture and people of West Palm. Take a local food tour (West Palm Beach Food Tours) to sample a bit of what this artsy and foodie community has to offer.

With 23 per cent of the population foreign born, there is a huge variety of cuisine available, including many vegan options.

Its laid back vibe is in contrast to the crazy nightlife of Miami or the heavy tourism of Orlando.

Nightlife in West Palm Beach centers around City Place, conveniently located next to the impressive Kravis Center, where the Miami City Ballet's fanciful interpretation of A Midsummer's Night Dream is currently playing.

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A sample of food from Mike's Deli.

An Italian food love story set in the Bronx

CUISINE

Belmont bills itself as New York's 'real' Little Italy

A visit to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx means one thing: Italian food.

Fresh mozzarella, handmade pasta and hero sandwiches loaded with ham, tomatoes, peppers and cheese — it's all here in the delis, restaurants, shops, cafes and bakeries along Arthur Avenue and East 187th Street.

Some of the best-known places include Tino's Deli, Madonia Brothers Bakery and an old-school, family-style restaurant called Dominick's.

But there are many other places to sample the neighbourhood's bounty.

Stop in at the DeLillo Pasticceria cafe, where display shelves overflow with cookies and pastries, for a sublime cappuccino and cannoli. Check out Borgatti's pasta store, where you can watch egg noodles being made on the spot. Borgatti's take-home specialties include fettucine made from squid ink and ravioli.

A must on any trip to the neighbourhood is the Arthur Avenue Retail Market.

This indoor venue is home to a shop where cigars are rolled by hand, a produce market, a T-shirt souvenir store, and Mike's Deli, a favourite stop among politicians and celebrities.

In early April, Ohio Gov. John Kasich was photographed stuffing his face at Mike's, tearing into sandwiches and several helpings of spaghetti while stumping for votes in the New York Republican presidential primary.

A scrapbook on display at the deli shows photos of other famous visitors — including Robert DeNiro — chowing down and posing with enormous hunks of cheese and whole salamis.

David Greco, whose father founded Mike's Deli, recommends the Michelangelo hero, with prosciutto and heavenly fresh mozzarella, as one of the best things on the menu.

Arthur Avenue is located in the Belmont section of the Bronx. Belmont bills itself as the "real" Little Italy, contending that it is a more vibrant community than Manhattan's Little Italy, which has shrunk in recent decades to just a few blocks.

But while the Italian flavour of Belmont's culture and retailers remains strong, the population of Italian-American families has declined over the decades. The local mix now includes Latinos, Albanians and students from nearby Fordham University. Yet you can still find old women chatting away in Italian in the back row of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, surrounded by marble columns, stained glass windows and statues of the Madonna.

And while it's not unusual to find foodies and tourists on Arthur Avenue, there's a certain type of shopper that Greco likes the best.

"My favourite customers," he says, "are the grandmas."

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David Greco stands in front of meats and cheeses on display at Mike's Deli, which his father founded. ALL PHOTOS BETH J. HARPAZ/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

metro SPORTS

If the Cavaliers' opening-round series against Detroit isn't a sweep, Game 5 will bump a show planned by Justin Bieber in Cleveland

Returning to royal blue

CFL

Bombers' new jerseys will be retro but sharp: Source

Darrin Bauming
For Metro | Winnipeg

Blue Bombers fans are in for a surprise May 12 when the CFL and new official outfitter Adidas unveil their league-wide uniform redesigns. While the Bombers announced Wednesday night they would be returning to their classic royal blue colour scheme, Metro has learned the new design will mix the classic colour with modern styling.

A source who has witnessed mock-ups of the Blue Bombers' new duds tells Metro Winnipeg the 2016 design will be more modern than the classic "retro 1980's-style" uniforms the club has donned on special occasions the last few seasons.

While the football club will not speak to any design details, or even a potential main colour for their road uniforms, the source says the Blue Bombers will return to white road jerseys and described them as looking "extremely sharp."

The Bombers logo will remain the strongly branded standalone 'W' and will stay away from lightning bolts or a retro 'W' hiding behind a yellow cartoon football. The helmet will remain classic gold, said the source.

The Blue Bombers have worn royal blue on occasions recently but the team plans to make the colour scheme more prominent this season. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES

While the club explored several modern design and colour options, the Bombers will likely go with a solid colour on their royal blue home jerseys and white road uniforms.

The new pant design, described to Metro Winnipeg as "way different," will likely move away from gold and into a royal blue primary with white side striping. It remains unclear whether the uniforms will use multiple pant designs between road and home kits.

"For the past 21 years the team's primary colour has been navy," said Winnipeg Football Club president Wade Miller during Wednesday's annual Blue Bombers Fan Forum at Investors Group Field. "For the 2016 season, in front of the CFL's loudest fans, our players and our fans will be going back to our roots and wearing royal blue jerseys."

Worn until the 1995 season, the predominantly royal blue colour scheme was replaced by navy blue with helmets to match and a new lightning bolt logo and word mark.

The first opportunity for fans to see the new full uniforms in action will be Winnipeg's opening pre-season game at Investors Group Field on June 8 against Montreal. The Bombers open their 2016 regular season schedule at home on June 24, also against the Alouettes.

IN BRIEF

Rams land No. 1 pick
The No. 1 overall selection in the NFL Draft this month has been traded for the first time in 12 years by the Tennessee Titans to the Los Angeles Rams.

In one of the biggest deals in league history agreed to on Wednesday and announced on Thursday, the Titans send their No. 1 pick to the Rams for L.A.'s No. 1 (15th overall), two second-rounders (No. 43, No. 45) and a third-rounder (No. 76). Tennessee also gets the Rams' first- and third-round picks in the 2017 draft. The Rams also get the Titans' fourth-round (No. 113) and sixth-round (No. 177) selections in the draft starting on April 28.

Donaldson delivers knockout blow to Yankees
Josh Donaldson hit a three-run homer and Troy Tulowitzki added a solo shot to power the Toronto Blue Jays to a 4-2 win over the New York Yankees on Thursday night.
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Twins still searching for W
Trevor Plouffe lingered in the dugout after Minnesota's ninth straight loss to open the season, staring at the diamond in disappointment.

The bewildered Twins stumbled Thursday to the worst start by any major league team in 13 years, the Twins were beaten by Mat Latos, Avisail Garcia and the Chicago White Sox 3-1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3rd stringer plays hero

NHL PLAYOFFS

Zatkoff steps up for Pens with injuries to Fleury, Murray

Jeff Zatkoff made 35 saves in the Penguins' 5-2 win on Wednesday. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

It would have been easy for Jeff Zatkoff to go through the motions. Nobody would have blamed him really.

Bumped out of the Pittsburgh Penguins backup goaltender spot by rookie Matt Murray over the winter, Zatkoff spent the last six weeks of the regular season a healthy scratch, arguably the two most dreaded words in hockey.

It's not in Zatkoff's easygoing nature to complain. So he buried himself in his work, spending copious amounts of time with goaltending coach Mike Bales and trying to stay positive while serving as one of the team's resident jokesters.

"I like to add that lightheartedness," Zatkoff said. "I wouldn't say it affected my game."

Not in the slightest. When injuries to Marc-Andre Fleury and Murray forced the Penguins to go with their little-used third option, Zatkoff responded with the finest moment of his brief career, turning aside 35 shots in a 5-2 win over the New York Rangers on Wednesday night that gave Pittsburgh a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference quarter-finals.

The murmur that greeted his arrival on the ice in place of Fleury before the opening faceoff morphed into chants of his name in the final minutes. Surreal territory for a 28-year-old rendered an afterthought during the Penguins' blistering run to end the regular season.

"It definitely sent chills through me a little bit," Zatkoff said. "It's exciting. That's why you play the game. It's fun getting the job done at home in front of your fans. It's a special moment, one I'll remember for sure."

One that resonated with the man he stood in for. Fleury, still recovering from a concussion, watched Zatkoff's performance from the rafters, marvelling at his teammate's resiliency.

"He's such a great teammate. Has been all year," Fleury said. "Been put in tough situations. I love the way he responded." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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OTTAWA

'I felt like I was fired for three weeks'

Dave Cameron fought back tears, and fought back against Eugene Melnyk's stinging criticism.

Cameron met with Ottawa reporters one final time Thursday morning after being fired as head coach of the Senators on Tuesday. He took issue with Melnyk's public airing of grievances as the team sputtered out of playoff contention.

Cameron's dismissal seemed imminent following Melnyk's critical comments March 22. The Senators owner told reporters "nobody is safe" and called Cameron's decision to start rookie Matt O'Connor in the home opener "stupidity."

Dave Cameron THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"It was hurtful and I didn't think there was any need of it," Cameron said. "I felt like I was fired for three weeks. Every day."

Melnyk's comments seemed harsh considering he and Cameron have a relationship going back to 2001, when Cameron was hired to coach Melnyk's Toronto St. Michaels Majors in the Ontario Hockey League.

"I think what got lost in the comments is that you can evaluate me all you want on my coaching and fire me," Cameron said. "I understand all that, but there's no need of being hurtful, we're human beings at the end of the day."

Cameron, who spent three years as an assistant coach with Ottawa, took over as head coach Dec. 8, 2014 after the Senators fired Paul MacLean and compiled a 70-50-17 overall record.

Ottawa allowed the first goal 51 times, was outshot in 60 games, finished fifth in goals against (241) and gave up the most shots in the league at 32.8 per game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The Senators gave up the most shots in the league at 32.8 per game.

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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- 1/8 teaspoon all spice
- butter
- 1 pint blueberries

For the Ricotta Filling:
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- zest and juice of 1/2 lemon
- 2 teaspoons sugar

Directions

1. Slice baguette into 1-inch pieces and then cut a pocket horizontally through the side into the centre of the slice. In a mixing bowl, whisk eggs, milk, vanilla, cinnamon and all spice. In a separate bowl, mix the ricotta, zest, juice and sugar.

2. Using a teaspoon, fill the pocket of each slice of baguette then place pieces into a 8x8 inch baking pan and pour the egg mixture over the bread. Allow the bread to soak for 10 minutes.

3. In a large skillet, melt the butter over medium heat then lay down your soaked baguette pieces. Allow each side to cook until golden brown, about 3 to 5 minutes each side. Repeat until you've completed all the slices. Serve with maple syrup

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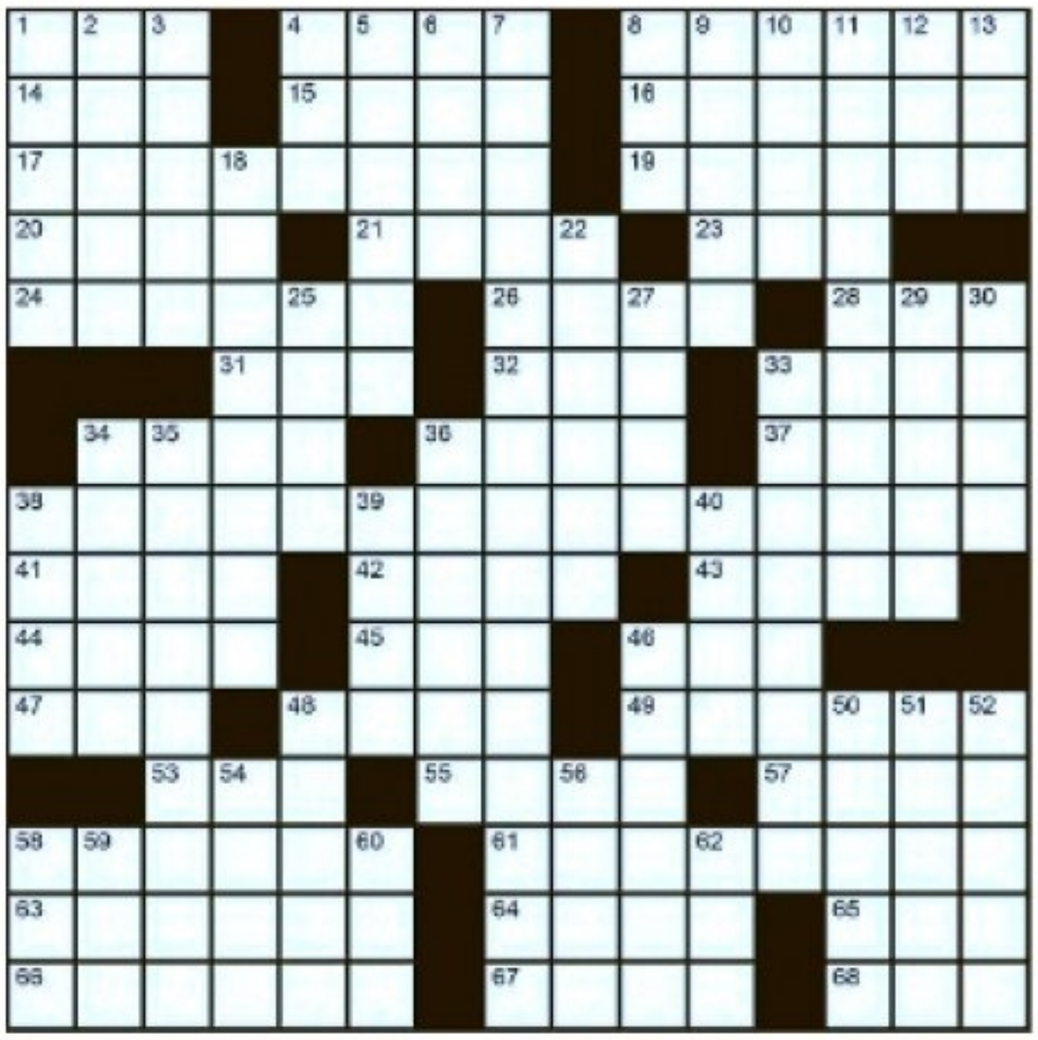

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3. Battling: 2 wds.
4. Fitness stat.
5. Dr. __ (Food empire which owns the desserts line by #18-Down, such as #7-Down ...while Smucker's owns #18-Down's marmalades)
6. Songbird sort
7. Prepare-it-at-home dessert product under the label at #18-Down: 3 wds.
8. Membership __
9. Up to
10. Apothecary weight
11. Canadian athlete Mike Weir's gear: 2 wds.
12. __ Lilly and Company
13. Old music high note
18. Originated-in-Toronto family company known for fruit spreads, as well as #7-Down
22. Human __ (Earth people)
25. Tae __ do
27. Place for a dock
29. Prince Harry's brother, fun-style
30. "Pursuit of the Graf __" (1956)
33. More masterminded
34. Galley garb
35. Flin Flon, Manitoba is right near this Saskatchewan town
36. Exaggerate
38. Furry friends gr.
39. 'Tele' suffix
40. Archaic pronoun
46. Vatican vaults
48. Complaint to an Otologist, "___ hurts, Doc."
50. Hit off 1986's 'Control'
51. Call forth
52. Mishaps fixed at garages
54. Aquatic organism
56. Old World buffalo
58. Grad letters
59. Arctic knife
60. Boxing bout div.
62. Sixth sense, shortly

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
TGIF! This is a lovely day to play and enjoy the company of others. Sports events, social outings, playful activities with children and romantic rendezvous will please you. Have fun!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will enjoy entertaining at home today because it's a feel-good day and your focus is on home and family. A conversation with a parent could be significant.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will love schmoozing with everyone today. People are in the mood to party — and hey, it's Friday! This is also a strong day for those who write, sell, market, teach and act.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Business and commerce are favored today. Not only will you enjoy financial transactions, you also will enjoy shopping, especially for clothes that give you status.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today the Moon is in your sign, which means you have a bit of good luck. (It's an edge that you have over all the other signs.) Enjoy parties, schmoozing and romance!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Gifts, goodies and favors from others will come your way at this time. Today, and indeed, the week ahead, is an excellent time to negotiate loans and mortgages.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
What a wonderful day to enjoy the company of close friends and partners! The world is in party mode, and you are dressed and ready to go! (You are a social sign.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Personal details about your private life might be made public today. Hopefully, this is because you are receiving recognition for your achievements.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Do something different today! Shake it up a little. Travel if you can, or go someplace you've never been before, even if it's an exotic, ethnic restaurant.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a strong day for business discussions, especially regarding inheritances, insurance issues and shared property.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Because the Moon is opposite your sign today, you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. This simply requires patience, tolerance and some friendly accommodation.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Although you are in party mode, nevertheless, you can accomplish a lot at work today. Just remind yourself that if you work hard, then you can party hard!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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